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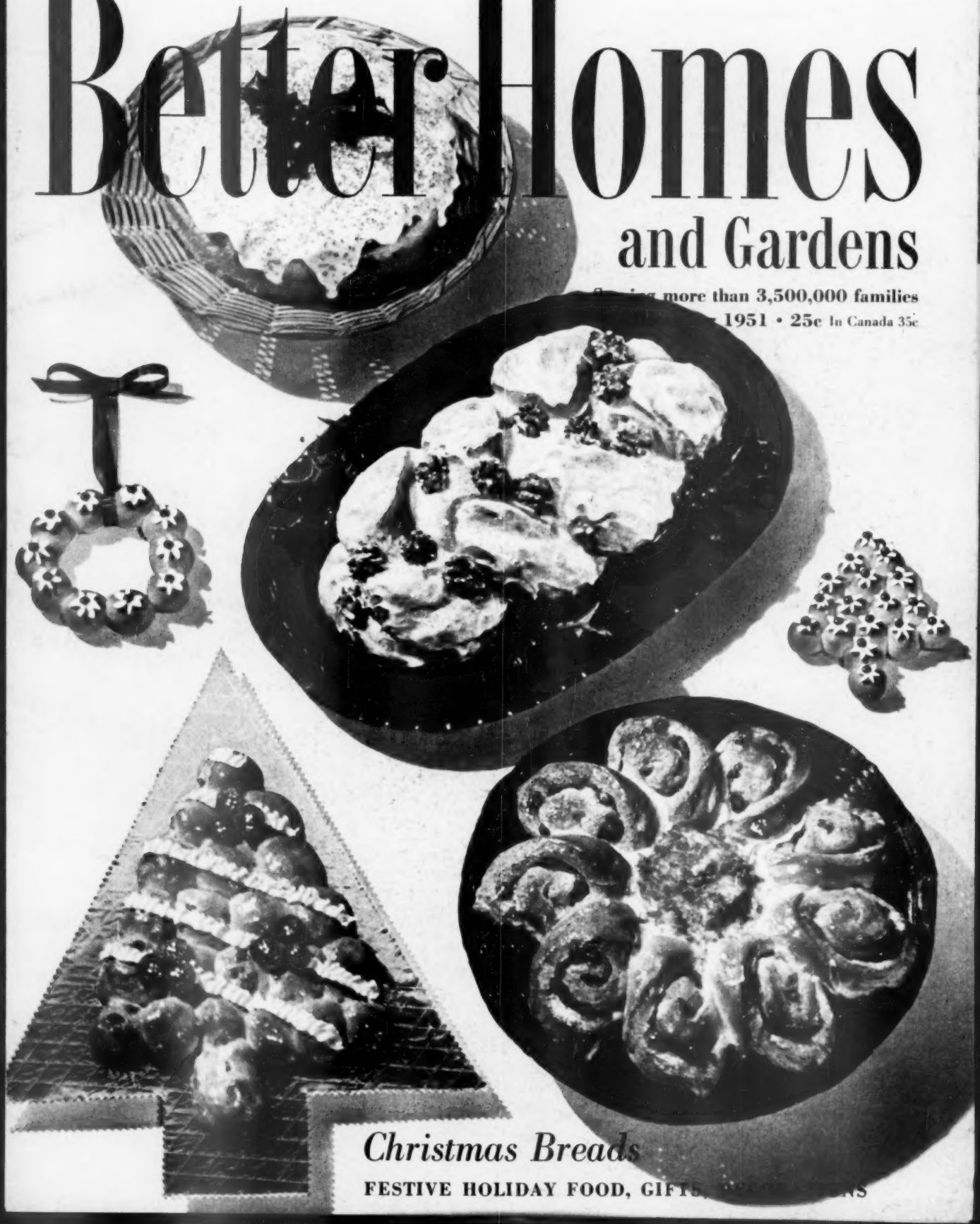

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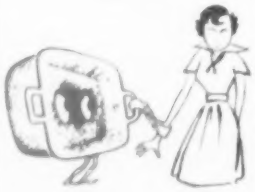

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By Norman Creider

Beautiful, gay gift plants add a special festive touch all their own to your home this time of the year. But you can enjoy many long past the holiday season—some for a year or more—if you cater to their individual needs.

Most plants you're apt to receive as gifts have some requirements in common. One, and most important: They need to be set in a container of water for an hour each day. They'll do best if you turn down heat at night to 60 degrees or lower. Place them where they'll get sun, in a spot free of drafts.

But some plants have other needs. For example, the three pictured—poinsettia, cyclamen, and azalea—should be shielded from hot sun. Keep Christmas begonia, Firethorn, *Pyracantha,* primrose, and Jerusalem cherry on a cool sun porch where temperature is about 50.

Your poinsettia needs everything uniform—air, temperature, and moisture. To keep moisture even, put clay pot in a larger, waterproof container and surround with wet sphagnum moss, peat, or expanded mica. Put several inches in bottom. Moisten water-holding material when you water soil.

Keep your poinsettia plant where it's warm always—never below 60-65 degrees—and away from windows at night. Don't ever expose it to sudden temperature changes.

If you'd like to save your poinsettia plant for blooming next Christmas, gradually reduce the amount of water you give it after it's through blooming. Then store in a cool, dark place. Cut back stems to 6-inch stubs in May, and plant in your flower border outdoors. Keep well watered.

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Give your cyclamen plant a constant supply of water, from below. It can take it twice a day. Reduce amount of watering after plant is through blooming in spring.

Then put your cyclamen outdoors in a shaded spot and water it twice a month.

In August, repot the bulb at its former height in good soil. Bring in before frost.

Syringe the top of your azalea with water every day in addition to regular watering, preferably with rain or snow water. Keep the plant in the coolest spot you have around your home.

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Generous little tables

Here are ideas for a clever end table and a high coffee table you can make yourself

By Helen Warren

Oversized chair, built for John Stanko of Dayton, Ohio, would dwarf average end tables. But not this one. It was made from a massive picture frame with a print under glass. Legs are attached to back of frame. It's handy for a tray supper. Decorator: Helen McPherson

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The Stankos like to use their versatile coffee table for informal suppers at their fireside. They bought an engineer's field table and cut it down to 24 inches in height. It is 6 inches taller than most coffee tables. Top is 27x60 inches, good size for serving snacks in the living room

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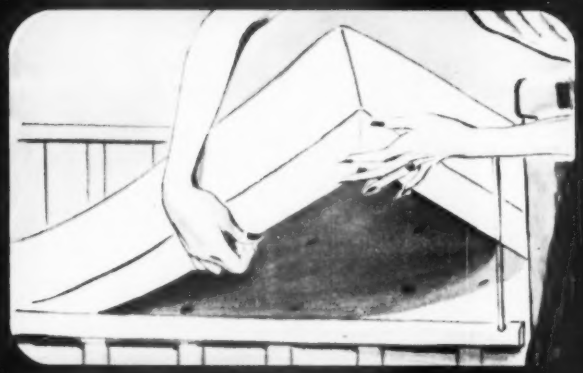

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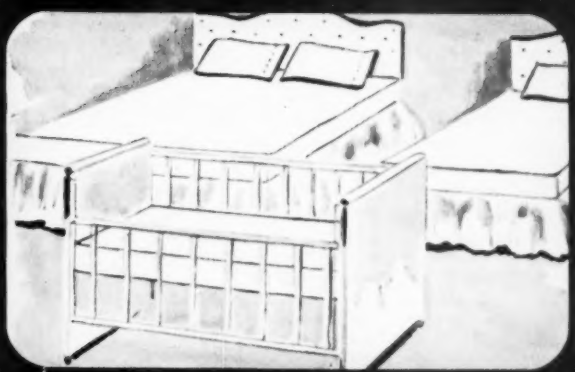

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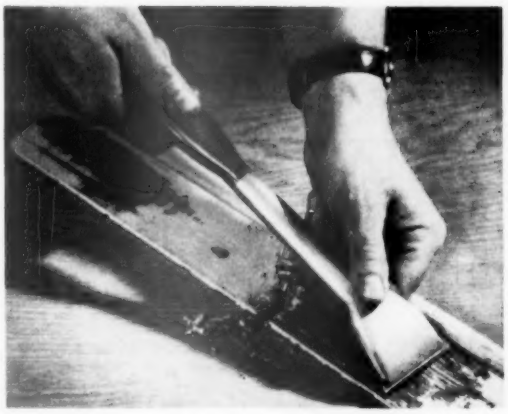
MIRROR OF AMERICA AT MEALTIME

Christmas gifts

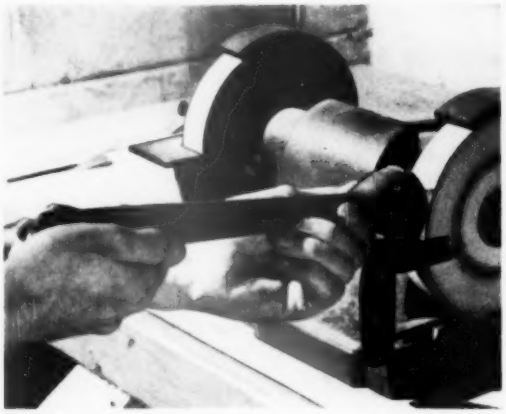
For some reason, Christmas gifts for the head of the household are notably uninspired. Instead of piling up socks and neckties he would rather select for himself, have you thought of giving him something for his workshop?

At our neighborhood hardware store, we picked out 30 possible gifts. Any one of them would make a handyman's eyes gleam on Christmas morning. We went looking for tools that would not likely be in a basic tool kit, but that would see a lot of use in day-to-day handyman projects.

You'll note that we chose only quality tools, because



Paint scraper, $3.50. A sharp scraper is a "must" for salvaging old material. To end constant resharpening, give him a scraper with a "Carboloy" cemented carbide blade, harder than hardest steel. With its four cutting edges, it will peel old finish from many a wood, metal, or masonry surface before resharpening is necessary. This scraper (No. CS1) is a product of Red Devil Tools, Irvington, N. J.



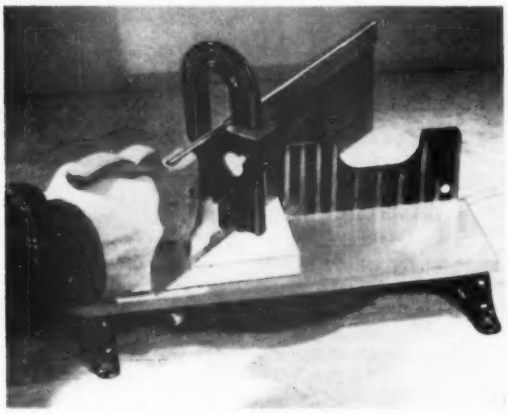
Grinding-wheel dresser, $1.50. If he uses a bench or pedestal grinder much, it's probably grooved and pitted, may even be worn to an egg shape. He can restore the stones to perfect circles, and clean away grime at the same time, with a wheel dresser like this. It's manufactured by the Calder Manufacturing Company of Lancaster, Pa. Extra star-shaped cutters for this dresser sell for 20 cents a set.

for the handyman

By Bob Jones

cheap, limited-use gadgets only clutter up a workshop. But we kept a weather eye on the budget, too. Prices range from 39 cents (just in case there is a small boy or girl in your family, who has been hoarding pennies against the new-found knowledge that it is more *fun* to give than to receive) to a top of $24.50. In most cases, these tools are available only in retail stores, can't be ordered directly from manufacturer.

(Should you handymen be tempted further by this array, why not check the gift that most appeals to you? Leave this magazine on "her" dressing table and wait for the great day!)



Miter box, $15.45. Do the corners of his shop-built picture frames come to a frustrating almost-but-not-quite fit? Perhaps he needs a precision guide for his saw. This Stanley Open-Front Miter Box No. 150 takes stock up to 3½ inches thick, has a swivel arm that locks solidly at any angle. Box takes wide boards, too; gauge permits duplicate-sawing of short lengths. By Stanley Tools, New Britain, Conn.

Photographs: Stanley

Vise-Grip tools, $2.25 and $2.95. Vise-grip wrenches can be locked on work of varying sizes or adjusted for use as pliers. At left is 7-inch wrench (No. 7W) with wire cutter, thin nose for close quarters, curved jaws for holding nuts or round work; priced at $2.25. Also shown is a new tool (No. 8) for shaping sheet metal; priced at $2.95. Both are made by Petersen Manufacturing Co., DeWitt, Nebr.

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Christmas gifts for the handyman

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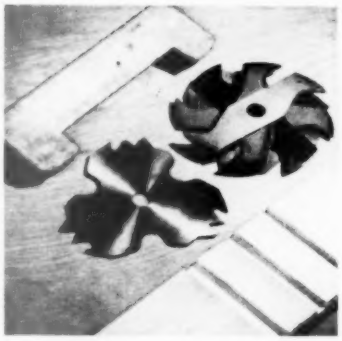
Electric sander-polisher, $24.50. You can give him the means to a scratch-free, professional sanding job on every project.

This sander weighs less than five pounds, produces a satin-smooth finish on woodwork, furniture, dry-wall joints. Does a quick, effective job of polishing up waxed surfaces, too.

Model 2000 is made by Dremel Manufacturing Co., 2420 18th Street, Racine, Wis. Price includes case, polishing pad, and 25 sheets of abrasive paper.



Dado head, $10.45; insert plate, $2.70. Usually the first major power tool bought is a circular saw.

Once he gets his saw, one of the first attachments he'll want is a set of dado cutters, for plowing out accurate grooves of various widths in the face of a board. If these are on your shopping list, be sure to find out the kind and size of his saw, so attachments will fit.

Parts pictured are manufactured by Atlas Press Co., Kalamazoo, Mich.

Blowtorch, $1.80. Often in the course of his home repair projects, your handyman will find pressing need for an instant spot of controlled heat.

Of particular help in soldering odd electrical connections is this small, efficient blowtorch. It uses denatured alcohol as the fuel in its two chambers, requires no pumping and only brief warming up.

Automatic "Blotorch" No. 103, pictured, is made by the Leak Manufacturing Company, 30-33 Cummington Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Wing dividers, $1.69. Scribing wall paneling to fit an out-of-square corner, marking floor tile for cutting, drawing a series of arcs—all are precision jobs calling for accuracy.

But how many handymen labor through them, equipped with only crudest dimestore compass!

A quality tool that will see a lot of use is this 8-inch "Worth" divider-scriber No. P1. It's made of forged, polished steel by the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co., Southington, Conn.

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How many colds do your children catch this easy way?

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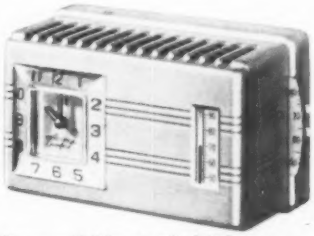

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2 **"Peter and I don't know how** to settle our differences, but we do feel the same about protecting the children," Marjorie is telling her friend, Louise, over a late-afternoon cup of tea. The situation is almost identical with that in the first scene.

this family?

Prepared in cooperation with the Family Service Association of America

"I can't understand your attitude," Peter shouts at Marjorie, who warns, "Not so loud, Peter, the children will hear." Peter has been home only a half hour, and he and Marjorie are quarreling again. The children in the next room can hear their voices.

3

Photographs: Harriet Arnold

"Were you and Daddy arguing?" young Paul asks his mother. "It was nothing at all; now eat your soup," Marjorie replies. Father covers up also by being gay, and both parents are thinking, "The important thing is to keep the kids from knowing." Is it?

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What's wrong with this family?

See page 187 for the answer

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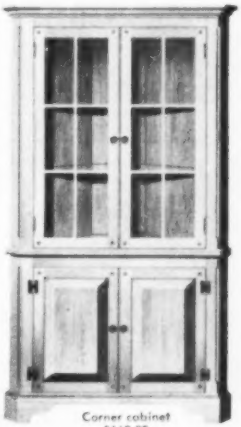

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If you don't have a sunny window

Photographs: Stanley

Hyacinth bulbs forced into bloom are a welcome table decoration in midwinter. Bloom lasts best in temperatures not too high. No other special care is needed, except watering. You can prevent rapid soil drying by placing a clay pot within a glazed container and filling the space in between the pots with wet peat

Don't let the dark days of winter keep your family from enjoying flowering house plants at their peak quality—or prevent you from forcing spring bulbs. Switch on your lights!

By Charles R. Milton

Do the house plants you count on to liven your rooms in winter sag and droop as the sun sinks lower and lower in the southern sky? Would you like to flower tulips, narcissi, hyacinths, and other spring bulbs indoors, weeks ahead of their normal season outdoors—but are stopped because you can't give them enough light?

The answer is as close as your nearest electric-light switch. You can substitute artificial light from regular incandescent bulbs or fluorescent lamps to keep flowering house plants in bloom and others growing normally during the darkest days of winter.

African-violets, kept in temperatures of 70 degrees and lighted from 4 o'clock in the afternoon until bedtime, will keep flowering all winter long if soil and watering conditions are satisfactory. Geraniums, begonias, and fuchsias are other plants that can be kept in bloom with the same treatment.

By using artificial light, you remove one drawback to continuous winter growth in your plants. A basic principle of plant growth, highly important with kinds you grow in the house, is that all needed elements—light, heat, moisture, and plant food—be in balance.

As days become shorter with approach of winter, plants get less light. To get the balance, you must slow up on feeding, drop the temperature slightly, and water just enough to keep your plants going. Commercial growers call it growing plants "on the dry side." With the northward turn of the sun in January, food, heat, and water are gradually increased.

Some plants, notably the African-violet, won't respond with the bloom you want under these conditions. It's easier to supply extra electric light to compensate for low natural light.

Suspend one 60-watt bulb three to four feet above the plants to light a space 4x4 feet. Turn on the lights at 4 p.m., off at bedtime.

If your floor or table lamps have stronger bulbs, so much the better. *Turn to page 20*

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If you don't have a sunny window

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Plants can stand all the artificial light they're likely to get in your home. Up to 10,000-watt lamps have been used without injury so long as the heat was dispelled before it hit the plant.

Fluorescent lamps, although they give excellent light for reading or working, produce a light that doesn't seem to "project" as well as incandescent bulbs. So the tubes should be hung closer to the plants. As they produce less heat than incandescent bulbs, fluorescent tubes can be hung as close as 12 inches to upper leaves of a plant.

With fluorescent lights close to plants, one caution is necessary. It's easy to hit the fixture with a misdirected stream of water. Don't handle fixtures with wet hands, or splash them. Electricity plus moisture can easily become a fatal combination.

Of spring bulbs you can flower indoors, tulips are especially accommodating under artificial light. A number of varieties will complete their entire life cycle from bulb to bloom without a trace of daylight. You don't need a sunny window to enjoy the welcome winter color they bring.

Start your bulbs now in pots, in a mixture of sand and good garden loam. Six good-sized bulbs will go in a 6-inch pot. Cover bulb tips with from a half-inch to an inch of soil and keep them in a dry, cool spot to root.

Keep the bulbs in darkness and keep them moist while roots are being formed, and later until blooms have faded. Potted bulbs set on a basement floor can be kept moist by watering them thoroughly, then covering with a mulch of peat or sphagnum moss, partially rotted leaves, or sawdust.

Ideal temperature for root growth is 48, but anything from 35 to 48 degrees will give you good results.

Examine your pots for root growth after several weeks. Turn pots on the side and let the soil slip out far enough to see if they are filling or beginning to fill with white roots.

When well rooted, with shoots at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 inches out of the bulbs, place your pots under lights. You can start with two 40-watt, daylight-white fluorescent tubes suspended 12 inches above the pots, and raise them as your plants grow. Two tubes will light an area 12x48 inches.

Keep plants at 60-degree temperature [*Turn to page 22*

Set the tulip bulbs you want to force in containers at least 5 inches deep. Use good topsoil. Set the bulbs so the tips are about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch below the pot rim. Space bulbs 1 inch apart. Place the bulbs so the flat sides face the side of the pot, and the lower leaves will curve gracefully over the rim. Cover the tips with from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch of soil

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2½ cups sifted cake flour	**⅔ cup Crisco**
1½ cups sugar	**1 teaspoon salt**
	¾ cup milk

Mix thoroughly by hand or mixer (medium speed) for 2 minutes. Stir in:

4½ teaspoons double-acting baking powder*

Add: **½ cup milk • 3 egg whites • 1 tsp. vanilla**

Mix thoroughly by hand or mixer (medium speed) for 2 minutes. Pour into two deep 9-inch layer pans (1½" deep) which have been rubbed with Crisco or lined with heavy waxed paper, (for smaller pans, fill half full, bake cup cakes with remaining batter). Bake in moderate oven (360° F.) about 40 minutes. Cool cake in pan on rack 15 minutes. Before removing, loosen edges from pan with spatula. Place rack over cake in pan; invert together. Cool and frost with:

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Blend ⅓ cup Crisco, 1 egg yolk, ½ tsp. salt and 1 tsp. vanilla. Alternately, add 4 cups sifted confectioners sugar and 6 to 8 tablespoons milk. Beat until smooth and creamy. Tint a few tablespoons of icing green and set aside. Add 3 tablespoons chopped cherries and 1 tablespoon chopped raisins to ⅔ cup of icing. Spread between layers. Frost top and sides with remaining icing. With a pastry tube draw green icing lines over cake. Decorate with cherries and gumdrop "leaves."

**With tartrate type use 5½ tsps.*

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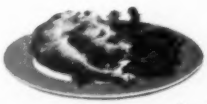

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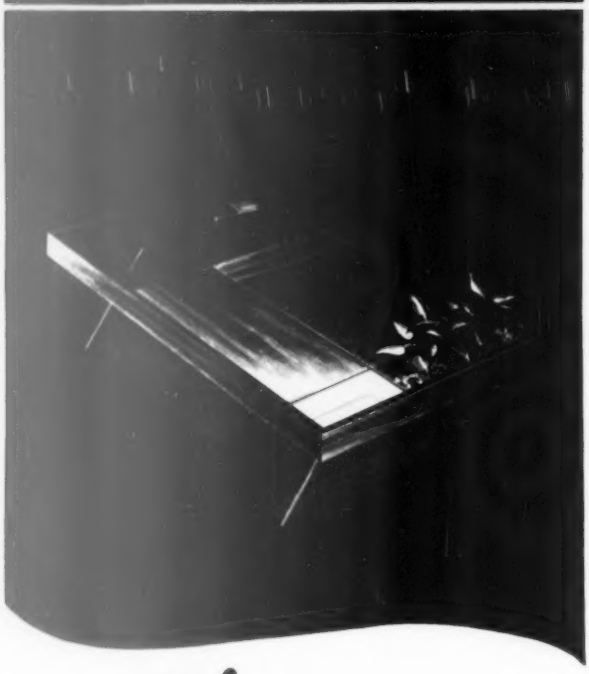

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If you don't have a sunny window

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Darkness, moisture, and coolness are the three essentials while roots are being formed on the bulbs you are forcing. Check your bulbs for progress in root growth by turning pot upside down and looking at the soil ball. Water roots often. Although bleached-looking now, the crocus shoots above will green up rapidly when placed in light

when you begin your lighting. In a week or so, move your pots where the temperature is between 55 and 60. For convenience, you can leave lights on 24 hours a day, but 16 hours on and 8 off will work as well.

It takes from four to five weeks to flower tulips under lights. Once in bloom, they usually last longest in subdued light.

Start your bulbs at once, and follow directions above. For forcing, buy the kinds that florists use for that purpose. Here is a list of good tulip varieties, with times to bring them into the light from your cold room, and the dates when they normally will flower.

Varieties	Type	Into light	Time of flowering
Albano	White Cottage	Dec. 15	Jan. 20
Golden Harvest	Yellow Cottage	Dec. 20	Feb. 1
Rose Copeland	Rose Darwin	Dec. 20	Feb. 1
William Copeland	Lavender Darwin	Dec. 20	Feb. 1
Utopia	Scarlet Darwin	Feb. 7	Feb. 17
Bartigon	Red Darwin	Jan. 15	Feb. 17
Alberio	Cherry Triumph	Jan. 10	Feb. 15
Elizabeth Evers	Rose and White Triumph	Jan. 20	Feb. 25
Telescopium	Lavender Triumph	Feb. 1	March 7
Ursa Minor	Yellow Triumph	Feb. 10	March 18
Brilliant Star	Red Early	Dec. 15	Jan. 18
Vermillion Brilliant	Red Early	Jan. 1	Feb. 14

Keep your hyacinth bulbs moist and cool in the dark until the flower bud is 4 inches tall. If brought into light sooner, hyacinths will flower down in the bulb. Best rooting and storage temperature is 50, unless you want to delay flowering.

French Roman hyacinths, potted as soon as available in fall and kept cool and dark, can be brought into light December first to fifth, and should flower for Christmas. Grow them in flats if you want them for cut flowers, or grow them three bulbs to a 5-inch pot.

Large-flowered hyacinths should be kept in the dark at least until January first, then grow them in as close to 60-degree temperature as possible.

Narcissi can be kept in the same *Turn to page 196*

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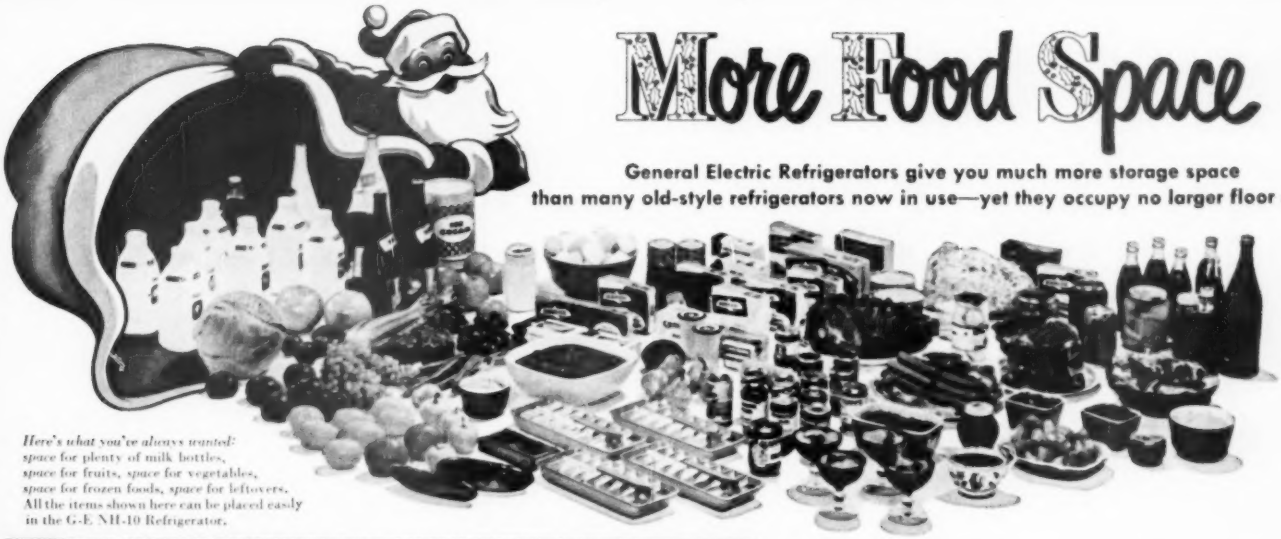

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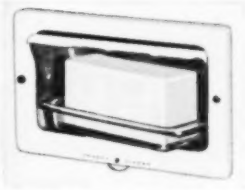

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HOW-TO

for the handyman

Darkroom light. If the power fails in your darkroom, a quick substitute can be put in use. Insert the end of your flashlight in a ruby glass or pitcher and it will serve through the emergency.

Michael Nackel
West Medford, Massachusetts

Thumb fun. In tight places where you can't swing a hammer, you can drive a nail with a C-clamp. Start nail by pushing the point into the wood with pliers. Then adjust clamp so flat gripping surface will press against nail-head as shown, to force it into the wood. To prevent mars, place a scrap of wood or a putty-knife blade under the screw.

Walter E. Burton
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Get the point? It's a time-consuming job to start dowels into matching holes. A few turns in a pencil sharpener will point each dowel so it can be driven readily into the drilled hole.

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How-to for the handyman

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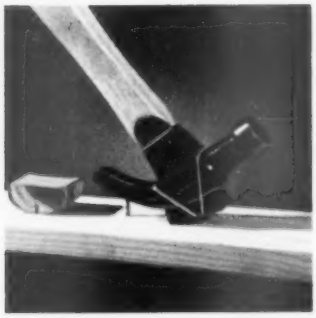
Deliver the punch. Here's a way to get a neat hole in leather if you don't have a punch. Clamp the leather in your vise between two scraps of wood and bore it with either a metal or wood drill of the right size. It's an idea for making a leather washer, too.

Eli Finch
Ellis, Kansas



Pillow for a hammer head. Attach a small rubber block, cut from a rubber heel, to the head of your hammer with rubber bands, and you'll save a lot of time pulling nails from scrap lumber. Or a wood block could be covered with inner-tube rubber in the manner shown and used in this way. It gives extra leverage needed for pulling large nails.

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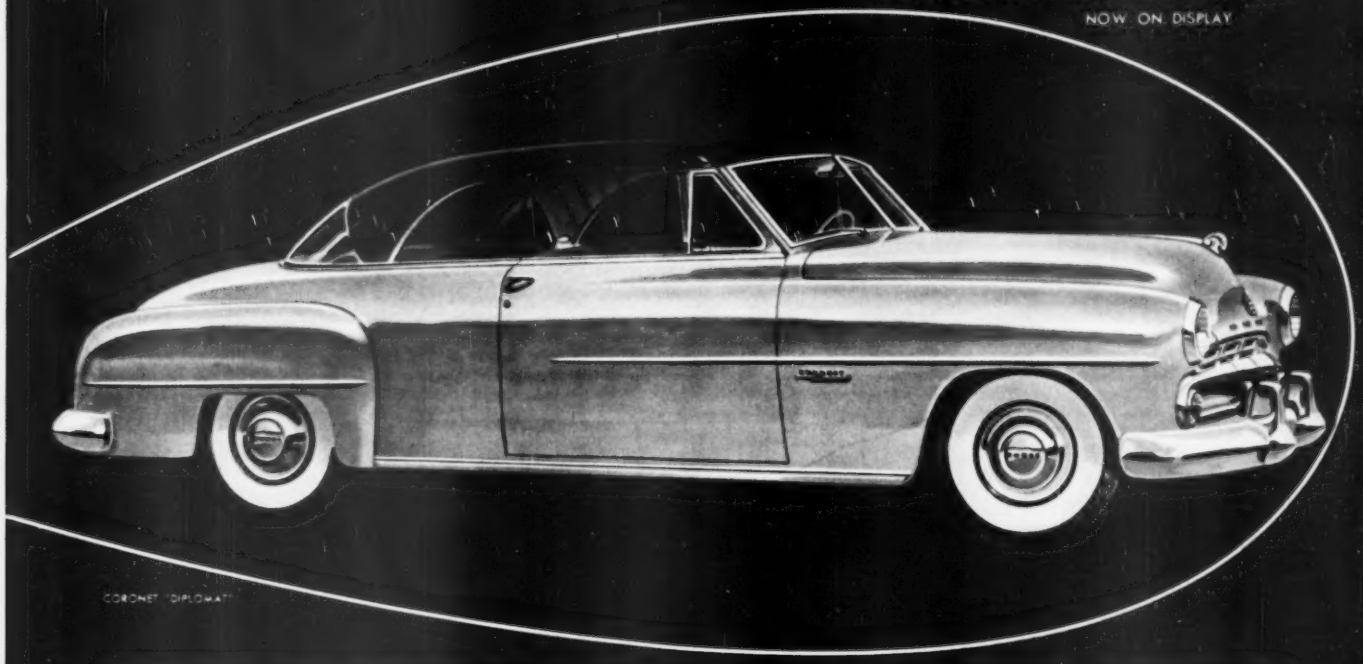

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How-to for the handyman

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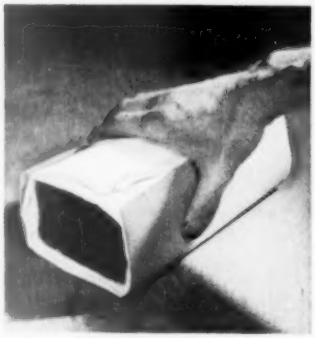

Brick trick. The weight of a brick will make big-area sanding easier and quicker. Wrap the brick first in cloth and then with sandpaper. The cloth will keep brick from wearing through the sandpaper to mar your work. It also keeps the brick from slipping out of the sandpaper.

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For a quick pickup. If your punches, nail sets, or other small tools have the habit of hiding themselves in sawdust or grass when you drop them, here's an idea that will expose them quickly. Apply bright automobile touch-up paint to their heads, or handles. You can identify different tools by color: yellow for nail sets, red for punches, and so forth.

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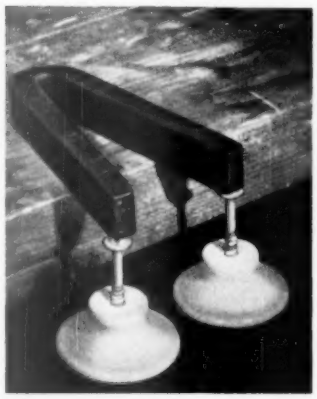

A magnetic idea. To keep freshly painted drawer pulls free of mars, you might stand and hold them until they dry. But with a screw in each, they can be suspended from a magnet on the edge of your workbench.

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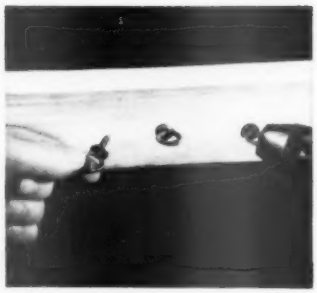

Eyes right. Place a small metal washer over the thread of a screw eye before driving it into place. It will keep the eye from gouging into the wood, and it gives a professionally finished look to a screw eye. The chuck of your hand brace (right) will drive screw eyes in a fraction of the time required by hand.

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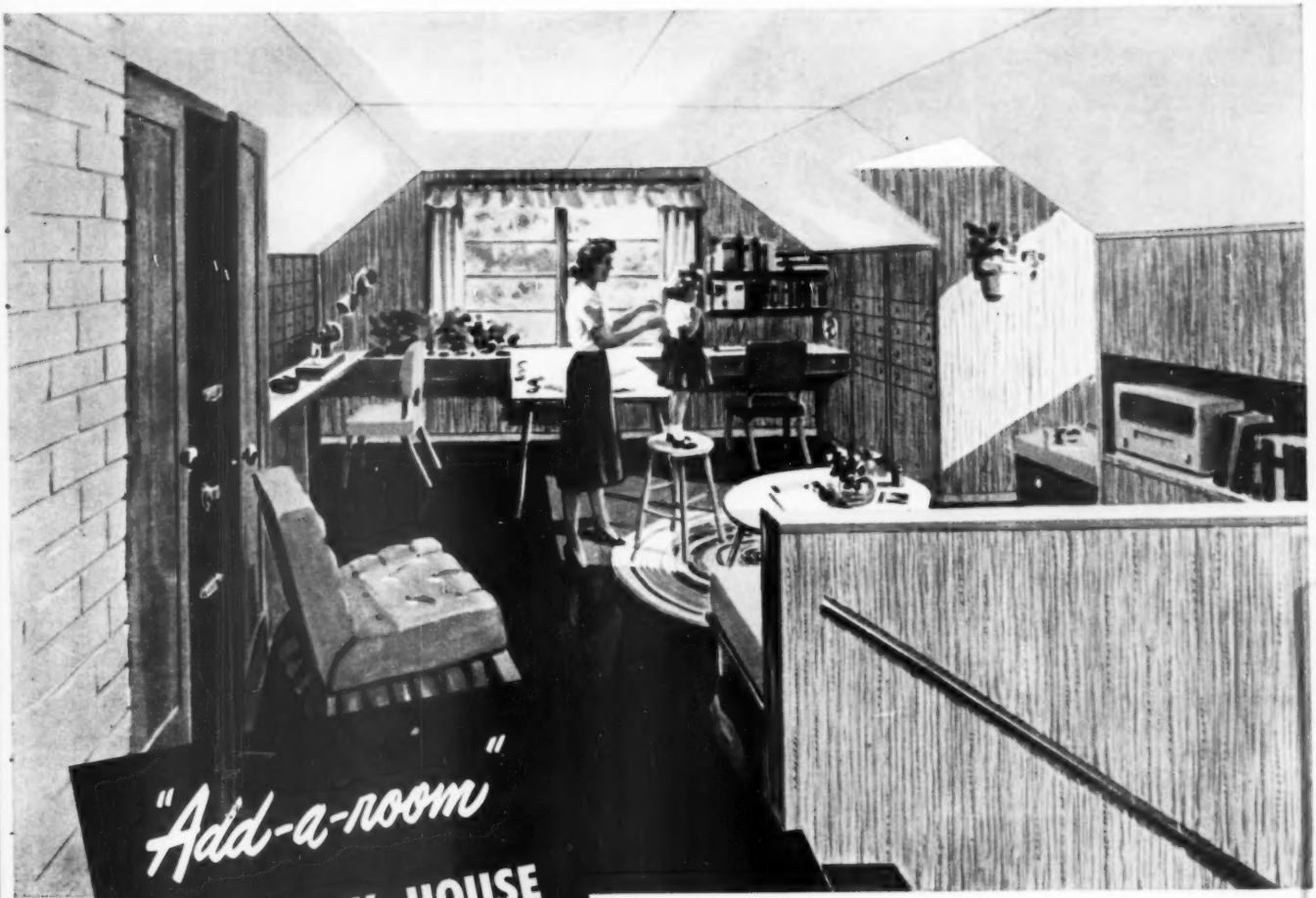

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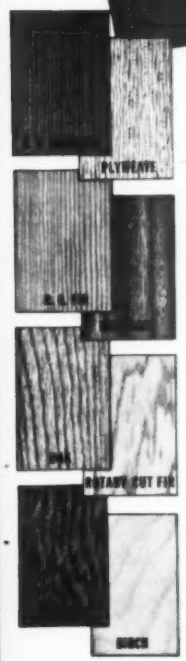

Once it was a typical catch-all attic — now the area shown above is a guest room, a sewing corner, or a study, as the occasion demands. For the space *you* need, *make use of your attic* or any other wasted space by converting it into a liveable room. It's a home improvement that is allowed under present credit and building restrictions. By remodeling with Malarkey plywoods and doors you can take advantage of every inch of space. You'll have a room that can take it, too, for Malarkey plywoods and doors are durable and easy to keep clean.

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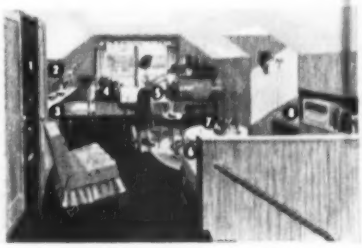

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Latest Garden News?

By Dr. R. Milton Carleton

Fireproof your Christmas greens

An excellent way to fireproof your Christmas tree, greens, or dried foliage is to soak them in a solution of ammonium phosphate and water for 5 minutes.

In running experiments on feeding plants through their leaves, I discovered that a pound of fertilizer-grade ammonium phosphate to 2 gallons of water makes a solution that won't cause plants to turn brown as do ordinary fireproofing chemicals. If you haven't a suitable container, use your bathtub, soaking ends and sides at separate times if your tree is large.

Foliage treated with this mixture will char, but will go out as soon as open flame is removed. Don't confuse ammonium *phosphate* with ammonium *sulfate*. The latter browns foliage and is not a good fireproofer, although often recommended for that purpose.

Breed outstanding sweetpea

What may prove to be the finest sweetpea in the world has been originated by a California seedsman. It produces up to 10 flowers on a 20-inch stem. Eight colors are available at present, with more planned in the future breeding program.

Importance attached to the new variety is pointed up by the fact a sweetpea specialist from England offered to pay $5,000 for three plants for breeding purposes. The offer was turned down.

The new sweetpea probably will not be offered to home gardeners until sometime in 1953 or 1954. But some seed will be offered at $40 per pound in pound lots only after January 1, 1952!

Chlorinated water safe for plants

Worried about the effects of water containing chlorine on house plants and cut flowers? Forget it—unless concentrations where you live are much higher than commonly used in water supplies.

Tests run at Boyce Thompson Institute, Yonkers, New York, show growing plants are not injured when watered or syringed with water containing 50 parts or less of chlorine per 1,000,000 parts of water.

Chlorinated water applied to sand and to loam soil for three weeks had no appreciable effect on acidity.

Augustine elm shows disease resistance

The Augustine Ascending elm, a form of the American elm that grows in a broad column instead of the usual vase form, has shown a measure of resistance to phloem necrosis, one of the two diseases which have killed thousands of elms in the East and Midwest during re-

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cent years. It has not been cleared as being resistant to Dutch elm disease, the other elm scourge, however.

This means that the Augustine Ascending elm may be a safe substitute for the American elm in areas of the Mississippi Valley where phloem necrosis is a hazard, and where the risk of Dutch elm disease is not as great as along the Eastern seaboard.

Super zinnias form new flower class

The new super zinnias—such as Floradale Scarlet, Riverside Beauty, and hybrids in mixed colors—may be reclassed in name.

Because these super zinnias don't fall into any existing category, most seedsmen are expected to create a new class for them to be called Giant Cactus zinnias. These include some of the most spectacular flowers that can be grown from seed the first year.

Sweet potato for home gardens

An outstanding vegetable in my tests for 1951 was Murff's Bush Sweet Potato.

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Absorption chemicals under test

Systemic insecticides, which are applied to soil and kill insects when they are absorbed by plants, have not been successful when used on woody plants in the past. But two new phosphate systemic insecticides have proved effective on roses.

Two organic phosphate chemicals have given excellent control of mites at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. In Great Britain, one of these compounds has successfully controlled aphids and other sucking insects.

These systemic phosphate insecticides have not yet been approved by federal authorities because of lack of full information as to possible danger to humans.

Simple way to grow Rex begonias

Sphagnum moss has been used with excellent results as a growing medium for Rex begonias, valued as foliage plants, according to Dr. B. Y. Morrison, former head of the Bureau of Plant Introductions of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Doctor Morrison reports the moss was rubbed through $^1/_4$-inch mesh hardware cloth, pressed into 8-inch pots, and kept moist in fairly warm temperatures. A pane of glass over the pot retained moisture until seeds germinated.

New bluegrass for Florida

A grass that may give Northerners vacationing in Florida a breath of home is Delta bluegrass.

In tests at the University of Miami, Delta has survived when other bluegrass varieties, bents, and fescue grasses have been killed out. It seems resistant to leaf-spot diseases caused by Helminthosporium fungi.

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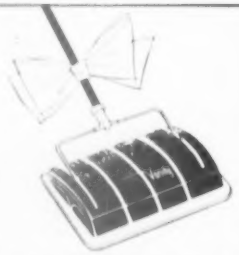

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A picture-book room for girls

By Ruth W. Lee

You'll want to use ideas from this room. It's pretty as a picture; practical as a savings account

Bright, red-and-green apple print would delight any young lady. It's used for draperies and ruffles on the two Hollywood beds. But the bed bolsters and spreads are of a washable green corduroy, so the little girl and her friends can sit on the beds without worrying that they'll get them soiled

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

Green cotton rug is used to "separate" the little sitting-room side. The two "grown-up" maple armchairs covered in a washable fabric will be appreciated more and more as the little girl grows. Corner cupboards are at either end of alcove and house a colorful display of child's "prize" dolls. Decorator: Marion Heuer, A.I.D.

Don't forget that young girls (and young boys, too) have to have some place to pin up current mementos. This cork bulletin board saves all the wear and tear of pin and thumbtack marks on the bright and gay wallpaper. It's in the Arthur Kushens' young daughter Barbara's room, in their Highland Park, Illinois, home

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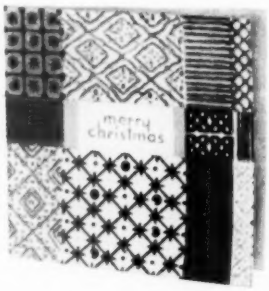
Make your Christmas cards from gay wallpaper

By Patricia O'Brien

For smart, attractive Christmas cards—hunt up scraps of wallpaper. Or for more selection, buy a sample book or a few single rolls. Then collect brilliant sequins, household cement, and scissors. Here are four ideas to start with. Try these, or create your own. You'll find it's fun!



Send a spirited greeting with a card made from multicolored patchwork wallpaper. Cut a rectangular piece 10½ x5 inches; fold in half. Glue on a greeting from an old card. Add a glow with sequins

Border your Christmas greeting with colorful rickrack from your sewing basket. Cut two even pieces of figured wallpaper, and, with household cement, glue them to a white card. Write your own merry message with a sweeping stroke. Center with a star

Decorate bold-striped paper for a distinctive greeting. Cut a piece 8½x6½ inches. Fold so one edge is ½ inch shorter than the other—see picture. Insert a gold card, and stick on gummed gold letters from your florist's. Glue on two sparkling sequins for the true French accent

Trim a green tree to send a friend. Cut a rectangle of patterned wallpaper 10x7 inches; fold in half. Paste on a bright orange center. Make your felt-paper tree 4½ inches tall. Add glamorous sequins and tiny snowflakes clipped from gold paper doilies for sparkle

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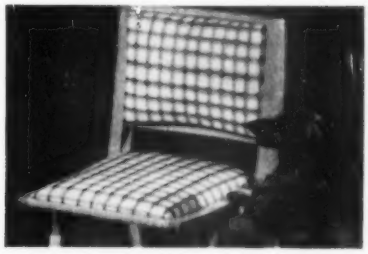

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How good a host(ess) and guest are you?

Do you men remember to slide her chair up to the table?

By Marguerite Garrity

When you entertain, you want everyone to have a good time. And whether your guests relax and enjoy themselves depends largely on you. When you come right down to it, the reason for etiquette is to make everyone happier and more comfortable.

Here are a few questions that you will find fun answering. They may serve as reminders and help make your host- and hostessing easier and more successful. You'll find how to score yourself on page 193.

1. When you invite guests to your home, do you state specifically the hour you will be expecting them?

2. Do you give your invitation in such a way that your guests will have no doubt as to what they should wear (an informal get-together with John and Mary who will tell us about their trip; or a dress-up dinner for our artist-speaker who is here for the Art Center program)?

3. Do you *avoid* prefacing your invitation with "Are you busy Friday evening?" which leaves little chance of declining?

4. Do you give your invitation with an enthusiasm which banishes any thought that you might be merely fulfilling an obligation?

5. In giving your invitation, do you say how long you wish your guest to stay—so he will have no fear of overstaying his welcome? ("For dinner and two hours of bridge." Or if for the weekend, "We'll meet you at the train Saturday morning and put you on the Sunday evening train, so you'll be home Monday morning.")

6. Are you always prompt in accepting an invitation? ("I'll call you when I check my husband's time—within half an hour.")

7. Do you acknowledge formal acceptances or regrets in your own handwriting? (Informal invitations may be sent and answered by telephone.)

8. If there are two or more hostesses, are you sure to acknowledge acceptance or regrets to the one at whose house the party is to take place?

9. In making introductions, do you name ladies first, and age before youth? (Mrs. Holmes, meet Mr. Davis.)

10. Do you take time to enjoy your guests? If you do your own cooking, do you serve simple meals, remembering your guests will enjoy your companionship more than elaborate meals?

11. Are you thoughtful about planning activities your guests will enjoy, instead of insisting they tag along on conversations or excursions of interest to you?

12. Do you plan to arrive 5 to 10 minutes before the hour set for dinner? (So much better than 5 or 10 minutes late.)

13. If you are the hostess, do you plan your work so as to be on hand to greet guests as they arrive?

14. Do you wait for the gentleman on the hostess' left to draw out her chair, then the man at your left to draw out your chair before sitting down? (Illustration sketch.)

15. At dinner, do you, as hostess, seat the male guest of honor on your right and the female guest of honor on the host's right at the opposite end of the table?

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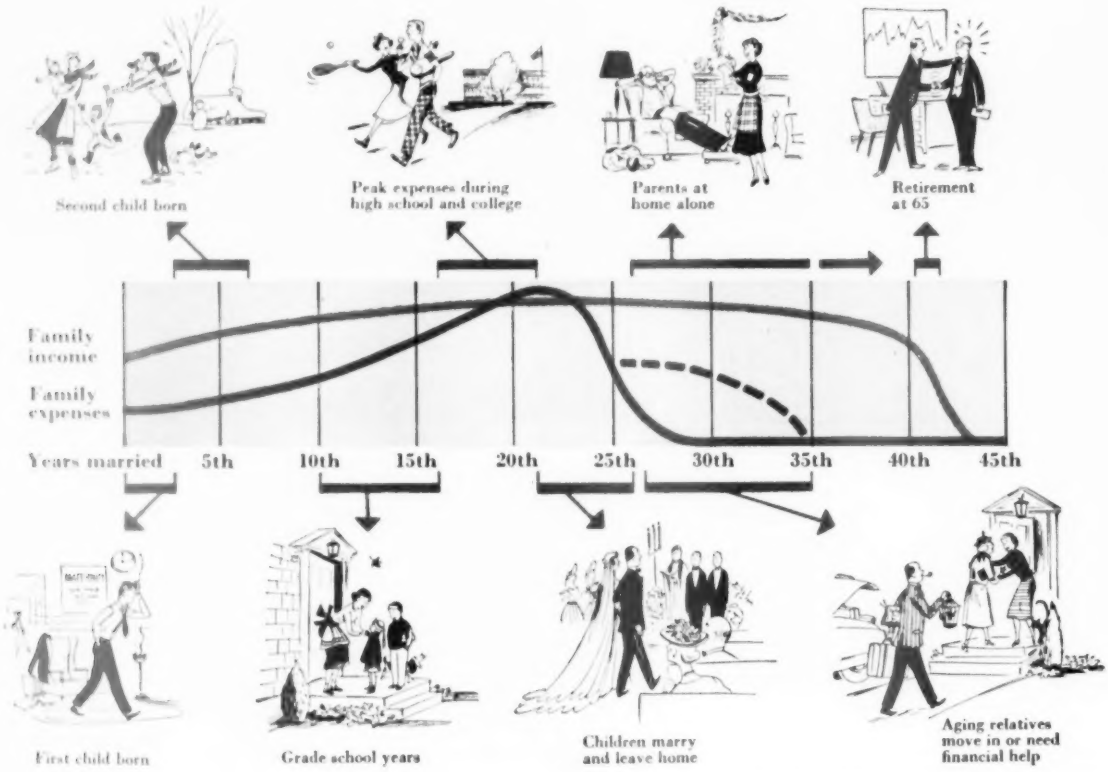
Can you predict your family's future?

Here's what's ahead in a typical 45 years of married life



Dotted line indicates cost of supporting relatives

By Donald G. Cooley*

Has some big or little problem of family living sneaked up and surprised you lately? A relative moving in with you, maybe. Are there "doghouse days" in your family when loved ones are downright cantankerous? Are you fed up on work, when only last week you were as full of energy as a corn popper? Is that young fellow who's hanging around your daughter going to make her happy?

Maybe you ought to see some of these problems coming. Enough of them, anyway, so you won't be an easy pushover for jolts you can anticipate. Within reasonable limits, you can predict your family's future—despite global wars. Forecasting methods are used every day by scientists, statisticians, businessmen, economists. These methods have to do with cycles that repeat themselves, with trends that move in predictable directions, with typical patterns that help to measure probabilities—and with the almost-sure consequences of things that have already taken place, such as the heredity of your children. Naturally, you won't be making *guaranteed* predictions. But they'll have a reasonable chance of coming true if you fit the facts to your own affairs. You may be surprised at how well some of your forecasts turn out.

Your financial future

What are your best moneymaking years?

If you're like most people, your earned income will start to decline by the time you're 50. That's a normal expectancy. Metropolitan Life Insurance Statisticians Louis I. Dublin and Alfred J. Lotka, calculating the money value of a man, found that men whose annual income never exceeds $2,500 have their highest income year, on the average, at age 43 to 44. Men in the $5,000 bracket have [*Turn to page 134*

*Donald G. Cooley, a frequent contributor to *Better Homes & Gardens* is author of *Predict Your Own Future*: Wilfred Funk, Inc.

● **Quiet Charm And Dignity** *mark this lovely living room, which dramatizes rich gold and cherry furniture tones on the background of Stratosphere Gray walls, done in Pittsburgh's revolutionary new Wallhide Rubberized Satin Finish.*

Decorations of both rooms shown on this page are by Elizabeth Whitney, Chicago, member of American Institute of Decorators. Furniture by Consider H. Willett, Inc.

● **Colonial Accents** *of the unusual bedroom below are emphasized by the rich Robin Hood Green, used on the walls. This is another of the many popular colors of Pittsburgh's Wallhide Rubberized Satin Finish.*

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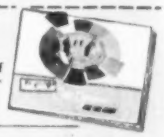

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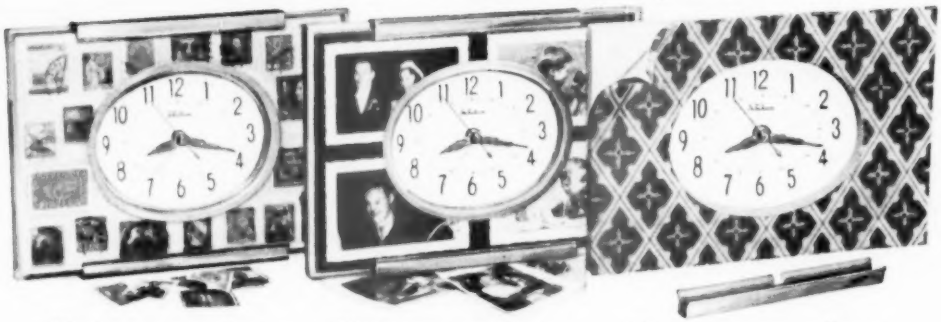

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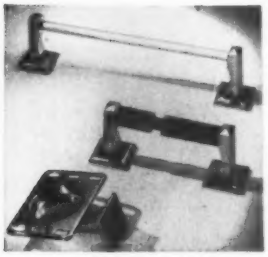
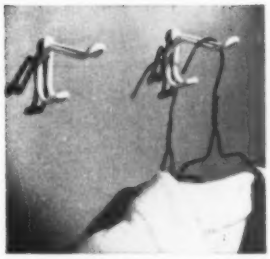
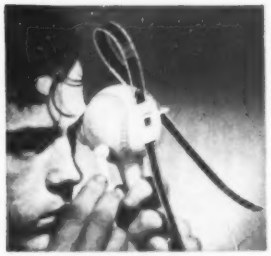


Adhesive-mount bathroom accessories go on tile, glass, porcelain where you can't use screws. Will also adhere to plaster, wood, enamel without marring it. Chrome-plated fixtures with lucite rods have built-in adhesive mounting plates. *Mar-Not Fixtures:* towel bar, 12", $3; 18", $3.15; 24", $3.50; soap dish, $2.50; toothbrush and glass holder, $2.50; tissue holder, $2.75; in stores. Rayco Products, Inc., Middletown, Conn.

Delayed-action light switch turns off about a minute after you press the switch and go away. Leaves the light on long enough for you to find your way safely down the steps, navigate around the furniture, or get into bed. Then light goes off automatically. The delayed-action switch looks and acts like any ordinary light switch. It is easily installed by removing old switch, and connecting wires to two side screws on new switch. *D-e-l-a-y-e-d A-c-t-i-o-n Light Switch*, $1.98, in stores. Electric Deodorizer Corp., 9993 Broad St., Detroit 4, Mich.



Coat hooks now are nonskid and nonrusting. They are covered with a plastic that keeps even lightweight garments from slipping to the floor. Durable coating is made in a variety of attractive, permanent colors. *Nonskid Coat Hooks*, 3 for 25c, in stores. Washburn Co., Rockford, Ill.



Action film of baseball stars gives instruction in all points of play to a youngster eager to learn to play better. He can run through the textbook-in-action as often as he wants and stop the "movie" anywhere to study form. To operate viewer, just crank film through, holding eyepiece to the light. Baseball lessons have been prepared by Les Mann. *See How Viewer* with *Basic Batting* film, $3.45, in stores or ppd. from manufacturer. Athletic Films, Inc., 1746 N. Las Palmas Ave., Hollywood 28, Calif.

Plastic tower makes it easy to train ivy and philodendron to climb and grow as they do on a moss-stick. Tube is packed with moss which you soak with water through holes at top. As plant climbs and needs more tubing, a second *Ivy Spiral* can be attached to the first. Plastic *Ivy Spirals* available in red, yellow, white, green, bronze, crystal; about $1, in stores, or ppd. from manufacturer. Parker Plastic Products, 401 67th St., Houston, Tex.

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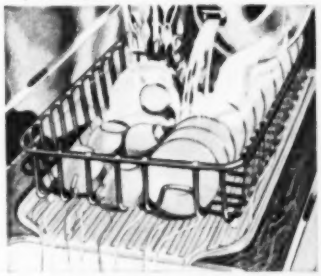

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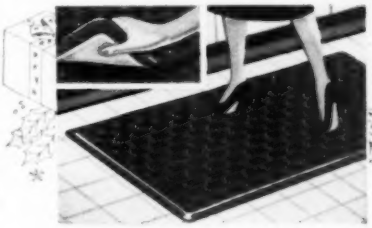

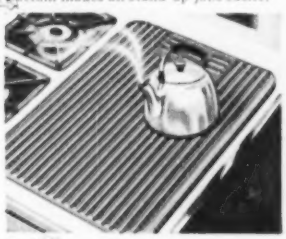

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Felt protection is easily applied to the bottom of vases, ash trays, figurines, lamps, by simply cutting a piece of felt to fit and ironing it on. Green-felt protective pad sticks permanently to metal, glass, wood. *Iron-on Felt Cushion*, 7"x14", 29c, in stores. Gilman B. Smith Co., Inc., 915 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y.

Slide rule for the cook! Easily operated computer solves the mathematic problems of the kitchen in a twinkling. It will give you amounts to use in adjusting a recipe for larger or for smaller number of servings. Other side of calculator figures how long a roast should be in the oven when you are cooking it at minutes-per-pound. *Cook-A-Meter*, $1, ppd. from manufacturer. Thrifty-Graph Publishers, 38 Nordica Drive, Croton-On-Hudson, N.Y.

Ceiling heater is up out of the way where there's plenty of room, and children can't get at it. Fits in ceiling recess and provides overhead light as well as an air circulator (when just the fan's turned on) and a heater (when fan and coils are on). Keeps air warm and fresh in bathroom, nursery, darkroom. *Heat-A-Lite*, $49.95 to $64.95, in stores. Nu-Tone, Inc., Madison and Red Bank Roads, Cincinnati 27, Ohio.

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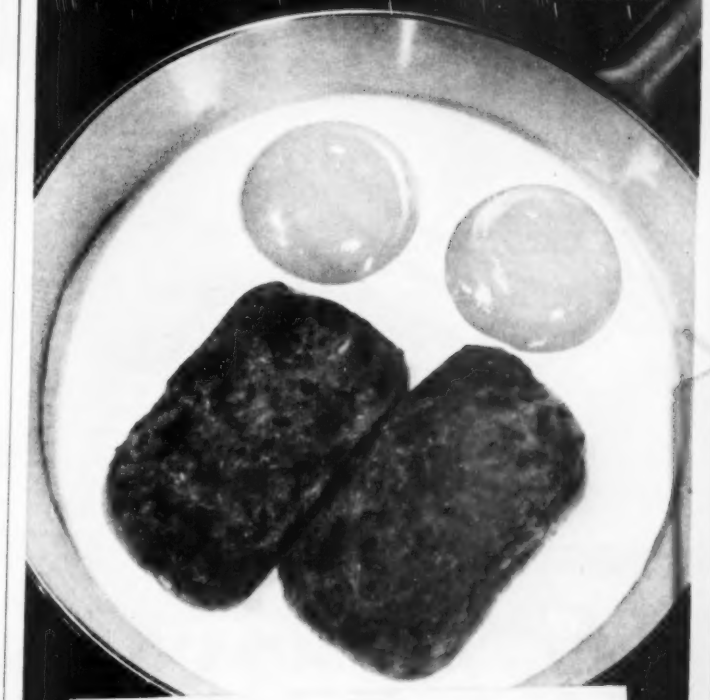

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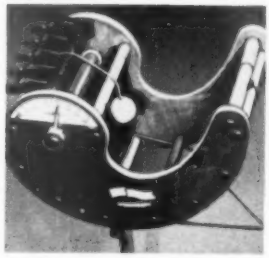
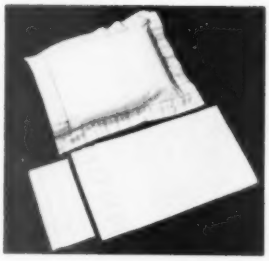
Electric scissors will readily cut upholstery and canvas or make a fine edge on voile and net. Does heavy cutting without tiring the hand. Leaves a clean, true cut on any fabric. Goes around corners or circles easily. Operates on any AC outlet. *Vibro-Shears*, $9.95, in stores. Burgess Vibrocrafters, 180 N. Wabash, Chicago, Ill.



Driving range for practice at home lets you take a full swing at the ball with your own clubs, and then check for distance and direction. Ball is suspended on an unbreakable nylon parachute cord and, when hit, travels in an arc that causes the cradle to pivot against tension springs. The ball comes to rest in one of several slots which indicate whether it was hooked, sliced, out of bounds, or down the middle of the fairway. *Folda-Fairway*, $29.95, ppd. from manufacturer. A. E. Peterson Mfg. Co., 700 East Allen Ave., Glendale 1, Calif.

Double-barreled toilet-tissue holder keeps a spare roll handy all the time on extra arm. Counterbalance effect holds roll in use against the wall providing a brake against spinning and wasting paper. Simple, one-piece metal rack has white enameled finish. Rolls slip on easily over either arm. *Bathroom Rack*, $1.50, in stores or ppd. from manufacturer. Prudential Mfg. Co., Norwalk, Conn.



More color in the nursery with new baby bedding in rainbow-striped percale. Crib pillowcase and crib sheet available in allover multicolor stripes or white with striped trim. White pillow sham has striped edging and pink or blue blanket stitch. *Babycale Rainbow Stripe Bedding*, in stores. *Sheet* and *Case*, $7; *Sham*, set of two, $11.90. Wamsutta Mills, New Bedford, Mass.

Pleating tape is stitched to accommodate the four metal arms of a pleating hook which instantly forms professional-looking pinch pleats. Stitch cotton tape by machine or hand to drapery or curtain heading. Makes properly spaced, sharp pleats in lined or unlined draperies of any weight. *Pleatmaster Tape*, 39c yard; *Pleatmaster Pleaters*, 8c each; in stores. Joseph Renkel, 216 East 53rd St., New York, N.Y.

Dismountable furniture moves with you in a flat package, if you lead a nomad's life. Interlocking pieces fit together without glue or nails, and are as easily taken apart. Pieces are primecoated, ready for you to finish. *Interlock Chair* (illustrated), $7.95, plus shipping. Other pieces of interlocking furniture are available. Inter-Lock-In Furniture Corp., 33-40 127th Place, Corona, Long Island, N.Y.

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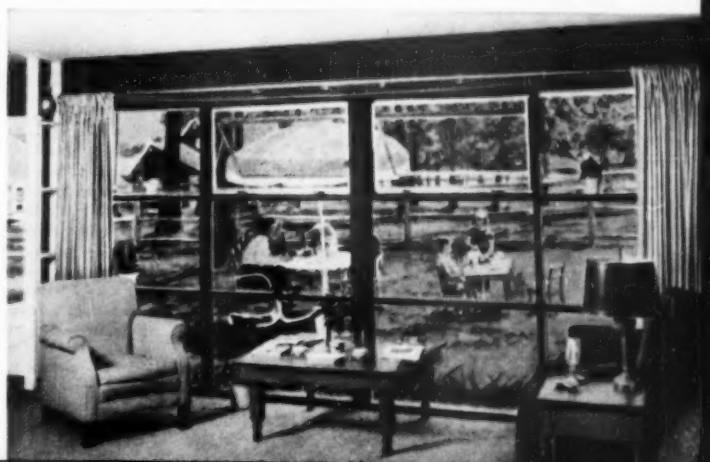

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Are we Christmas-only Christians?

This vital year, which marks 1,951 anniversaries of Christ's birth, we may well ask ourselves such a question—and well heed the answer

By Milton Mayer

What a day is Christmas Day, with its gladness, its giving and forgiving! What a day is Christmas Day, with its open homes and its open hearts! What a day, with a word, a drop, a morsel of cheer for every friend and for every stranger! A dollar for the newsboy! A necktie for the postman! A couple of good cigars for the policeman on the beat! What a day is Christmas Day!

And the other 364 days of the year? What about them?

Christmas is every day, or it is no day. It is the 26th, and the 27th, and the 28th, or it isn't the 25th. If Christmas is 1 day a year, a day for living differently from the other 364, then it isn't Christmas; it's just another tribal custom, like the pagan celebration, at about the same time, of the return of the sun in the winter sky; or maybe Valentine's Day, when we send gifts to those we love.

But that isn't Christmas. Christmas is the everlasting celebration of God's everlasting gift, not of one day, or of one year, or of one man's lifetime, nor to one people, one nation, one age, but to all men to be a way of life, firm, fixed, unchangeable, one day like another as long as men live. It's the day *after* Christmas that counts!

The day after Christmas, a few years ago, the three of us, Bill, Stan, and I, were riding down Woodlawn Avenue, in Chicago, in Bill's car. I should say "crawling," not "riding," because the snow was two feet deep and getting deeper. It wasn't bad, though, if you took it easy and stuck to the ruts. We were taking it easy; we had almost an hour to get to a meeting, and the meeting was only a mile or so away.

[*Turn to page 179*

Christmas is what you make it

By Eve Buttenlocher

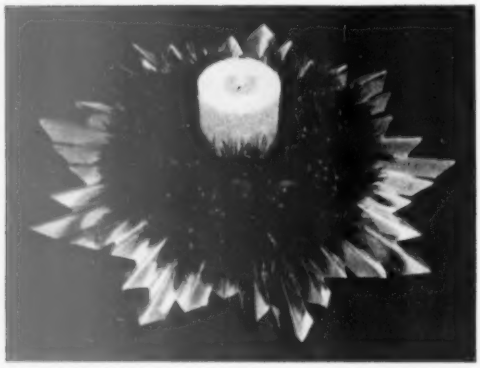
A gleaming candle in a fringed foil ring, and twin balls slipped in plumber's "collars" for your mantel

You can't miss getting the Christmas spirit if your home reflects the joyousness of the season; if it greets homecomers and callers with friendly welcome; if it radiates good cheer.

Gather the family round and make a gay wreath for the door, a centerpiece for your table, a festive trim for your mantel. Let everyone help. Then Christmas is truly a family time. And that's the joy of Christmas.

You won't have to buy a lot of extra trimmings to dress your home for the holidays. Take stock of what's in your box of decorations—colorful Christmas balls, glossy papers, figurines, brilliant ribbons, twinkling sequins, Christmas cards you've saved. Then add a few boughs of evergreen, a bit of holly, little pine cones. And you have the makings of most of the decorations here and on the following pages.

Want to delight your friends with a gala gift? The photographs on next page show you ways to wrap pretty packages. We tell you how to make the Christmasy bows.



Pleated, paper-foil star wreathed with greenery circles a plump white candle. Buy star at department store. Or make by pleating foil as for a fan, then cutting in star shape. For safety, use innerglow candle

Evergreen branches spangled with bright balls look festive on your table or buffet. Arrange three pine branches in triangle on needlepoint holder. Tie with your favorite ornaments. Group large ones low for center of interest. Put in a low bowl of water

Serene Madonna and Child are backed with sparkling, snow-tipped branches and gold foil paper. To their left, a star of Bethlehem. A trio of shiny Christmas balls stands on little plumber's "collars" from the hardware store

More on page 52

Everyone gets in on the fun. Dad and Sis trim tree with swags of blown-glass balls. Mom and Junior wire evergreen tips to fringed foil stars from dimestore. Candles, greenery, and berry clusters brighten mantel

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

Christmas is what you make it

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Brass candlestick looks merry when it's tied with a shiny ribbon, centered with cluster of Christmas balls

Favorite Christmas cards strung on red- and green felt strip perk up door. Tie a few pine tips at top, colorful balls below

Greet all comers with

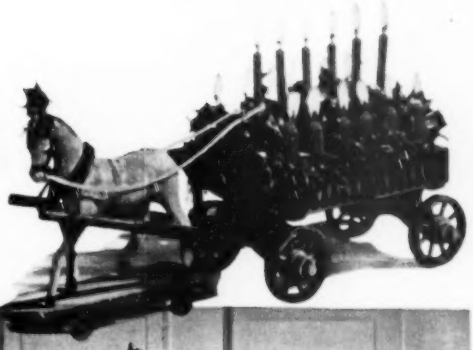
Jaunty bells swing from a brilliant red bow. Bells are paper drinking cups; bow red oilcloth. Paint cups with show-card color, then luminous paint. Or use silver-surface cups. Wire small balls to cups for clappers

Jovial cardboard Santas parade across your fireplace. Fasten them and three balls to the wall with cellophane tape

Say a jolly Merry Christmas

Gala packages all in a row. No extra wrapping either! Fill a basket with goodies; or decorate an old box with Christmas cards, dainty paper lace, sweet hello candies, or little pine cones

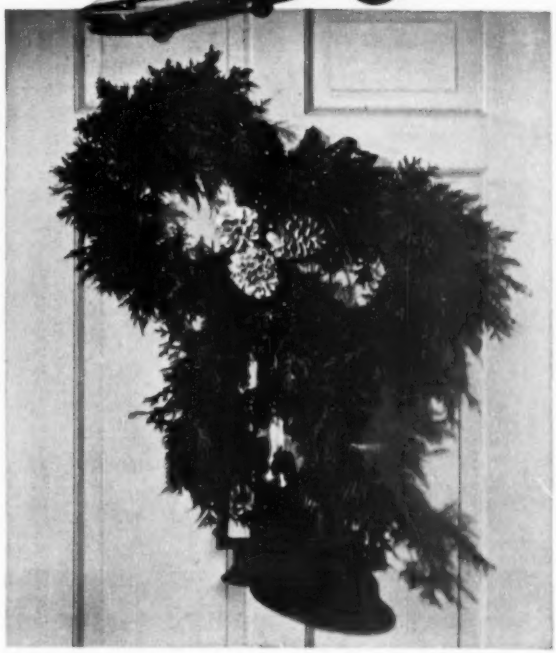
Clever wrappings that hint what's inside. Carton of cigarettes has tricky bow of pipe cleaners and cigarettes. Try designing a book, top hat, or miniature muff; decorate jelly glass with make-believe plums



Horse and wagon from toy box carts a cheery load of candles and holly. Spray greens thoroughly with a fireproofing fluid

a friendly holiday welcome on your door

A festive bell of tiny pine cones studded with vivid berries for your door. Atop goes a splash of evergreen with red satin bow. Cut bell from plastic foam. Glue tiny pine cones and artificial red berries to cover. Stick spruce sprigs into foam around edge. Wire greenery branch to bell. Tie with bow



Giant greenery bowknot sweeps around the red antique lantern. A glowing candle inside lantern lights your door. Make bowknot of wire; tie with cedar tips. Center with holly and cones. Fireproof greens as on page 30

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with gifts in pretty wrappings, fancy bows

Photographs: Hopkins

Gay trims to make. Stripe white paper sack with cellophane tape or make letter greetings to hang from a green bow. Fashion a yuletide candle or use red Christmasy beads for tying

Glamorous gifts but simple decorations. Insert glossy paper under a lacy doily, or glue on frosty glass grapes. Fluffy paper bells and tailored bows are fancy fixings, too

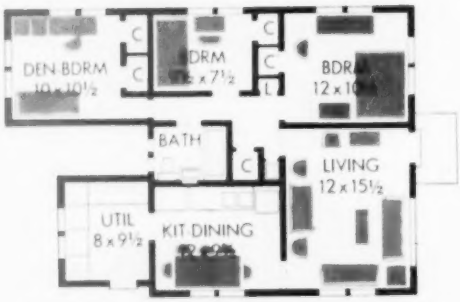
Beautiful bows with inches of satin ribbon. Here golden spring bows, pompons, formal bows and green rosettes dress up all packages for the big day

See how to tie bows, page 162

Wise use of furniture and of color helps to . . .

Expand your home

By Florence Byerly



Furniture hugs the walls leaving center areas for traffic lanes

If you have small rooms in your home, it doesn't mean you have to use only small furniture pieces. Why not try fewer large pieces? They'll do the same job and, in addition, *make the space appear larger*. For instance, a love seat will hold two people yet takes less space than two separate chairs. But large pieces need not be bulky in scale—note the slim arms on wing chair and sofas. There's no fancywork to add to size of the pieces. Simplicity is the keynote.

The color scheme, just like the furnishings, is uncomplicated. The same colors flow from room to room. The dominant color in one room is picked up and used as the accent color in an adjoining room.

Every inch of space is put to work, too. And don't overlook the possibility of making your small rooms, as well as your furnishings, do double, even triple duty.

There's lots of living in a den-bedroom like this. With sofa bed, foreground, it is easily converted into a guest room. Compact arrangement of chests and desk forms a continuous unit to provide a storage wall of furniture and makes the room seem larger than would several odd-sized pieces. Walls are brown like those in the hall, and the draperies carry accents of the living-room colors

This living room is only 12x15½ feet but looks much larger. Identical design, matching slipcovers, and *arrangement* make sofa and love seat appear smaller. Draperies to match are light enough to blend inconspicuously with curtains, carpet, and red walls which start the unified color scheme. Notice how you can expand the coffee table just by pulling out the leaves on it

Just look at this color and how it flows from room to room. Red of living-room walls is repeated in bedspread, and the walls in bedroom are same shade as kitchen wallpaper. Connecting hallway is brown and matches floor in utility room. Notice how you can achieve an "uncluttered" look by using larger and fewer accessories on and above your storage chest

It's a joy to entertain in a dining room-kitchen combination as convenient as this. It has color schemes and furnishings as dressed up as any dining room. Just raise the drop-leaves on the table when company arrives. Through door is utility room with washer, dryer, home freezer. Notice how the yellow chintz curtains are repeated against the clever brick-type wallpaper

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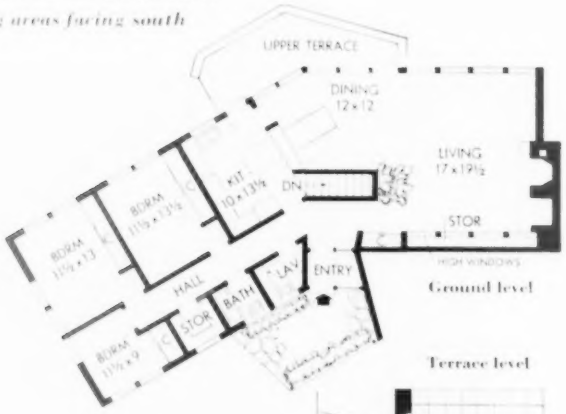
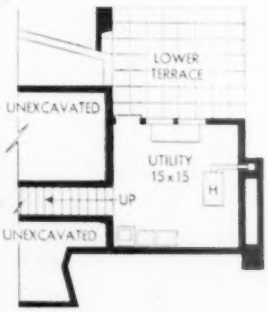
Photographs by Suter, Hedrich-Blessing, at Wolf & Dessauer, Fort Wayne, Indiana. For help with your decorating, visit one of the Home Planning Centers operated in cooperation with Better Homes & Gardens. You'll find the Centers listed on page 178.

Though Contemporary in character, house has Traditional color scheme—barn red siding, white trim

House is pointed like an arrow toward its view, all living areas facing south



Terrace level



Except for the smallest of three bedrooms, every major room faces view and partakes of solar heat through big, south-facing windows.

A balcony off the living-dining area and kitchen, and a lower terrace provide for outdoor living on view side of house.

The heating plant and the laundry facilities are located on the lower level. Architects: E. H. and M. K. Hunter, Hanover, New Hampshire

New house in

By Lin Gander

Who says you can't have big windows and one-pitch roofs in New England, Michigan, Minnesota, or any northern state? They work just as well in Maine as they do in California or Arizona.

Want proof? Take New England for example. Winters there are just as rugged as they ever were. But the cozy, story-and-a-half Cape Codders and the stately New England Colonials, so well designed for region and climate, have acquired new neighbors which are as unlike them as night and day.

Instead of small dormer windows nicely balanced against the steep pitch of a gable roof, these new neighbors have one-pitch roofs, flat or shed, and entire walls of glass to capture views and solar heat.

Instead of storage space consigned to attics and fully excavated basements, these new homes have storage space built into every available nook and

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

Roof extension and fence shelter entrance

South-facing window wall brings all the beauty of New England autumn into living area. Large, double-glazed panels of fixed glass have high insulation value. Screened ventilating sashes, above, can be left open all summer, since roof overhang shelters them from rain

New England

cranny of their ground stories. And wherever their sites are on a slope or on the brow of a hill, they take advantage of the natural contour of the land to gain a lower level with a minimum of costly excavation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Blount of Conway, New Hampshire own such a house. As you study its floor plan and the pictures, you may find your thinking changing about the home you want to build. About the way it should look, about the sizes of and relationships between rooms, and about how proper orientation and insulating glass can do away with little windows and storm sashes—even where snow piles high and temperatures fall low. Certainly you needn't deny yourself and your family a well-planned Contemporary home just because you don't happen to live in California, Florida or Arizona.

More photographs on next page ⟶

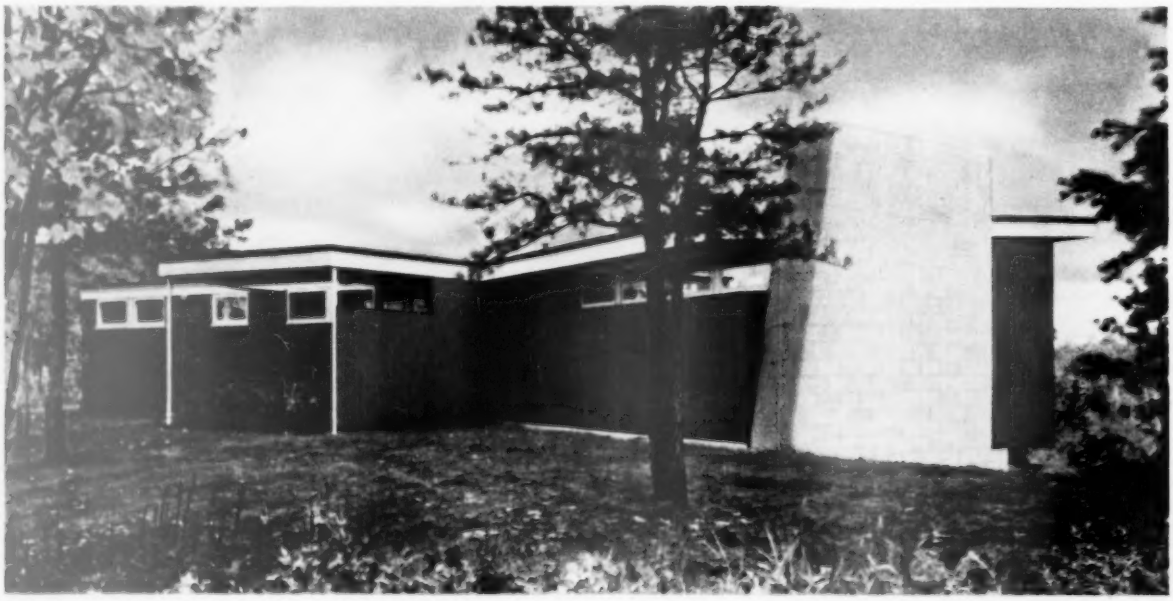
New house in New England

continued

Slope drops off sharply on view side, but there was enough space for a terrace opening off home's lower level. Note outdoor fireplace built in retaining wall

Ample coat closet next to front entrance has sliding doors that keep from blocking the main traffic lane between the living and bedroom wings. Double-tiered plant box is located over the stair well to lower level

High windows not only give light and ventilation, but permit the building in of hundreds of cubic feet of storage space along north wall. Fireplace shows how handsome concrete-block masonry can be when handled honestly. Ceiling finish is acoustical tile for sound control



Front entrance divides bedroom wing, left, from living-dining wing at right. High transom windows cut down exposure to weather on north side of house and provide either through or cross ventilation. Concrete-block chimney contrasts dramatically both in texture and in color with vertical siding and white trim

View of the dining area reveals two places for serving meals and hints at a third in the kitchen. In summertime there's the balcony for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. In winter you have a choice between the dining area and the kitchen — simply slide the table into either room

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Carport shelters the main entrance, can double as a porch in summer. Fireplace wall of common used brick contrasts with horizontal cedar siding. Roof overhang extends four feet on this side of the house to provide sun control for the living-dining room's window wall and to shelter the glass from rain

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Low in cost, high in livability

By John Normile, A.I.A.
Building Editor

Let's face it. With current building costs averaging $15 per square foot, a contractor-built house for less than $10,000 is going to be no mansion.

But good design is still possible in a small package, as witness this month's Five Star home. It was built under contract in Connecticut last year for less than $10,000, not including the major kitchen appliances.

Take that cost figure as an indicator if you wish, but remember that it's accurate for only one time and place, may not be dead accurate for you. For every house, every community, every situation is a separate cost problem.

Check the plusses on the plan. Even though it's a low-budget house, there is a carport which can double as a porch in summer, a vestibule at the front entrance, a stepsaving pass-through between the kitchen and dining area, a 6-foot-wide fireplace, a built-in bookcase, and built-in cornices over living-room windows for draperies.

In lieu of basement and attic storage space, there are 7 closets and 16 square feet of enclosed space at the inner end of the carport for storing screens and gardening tools. Laundry facilities share space in the utility room with the heating plant and water heater. Outside walls are insulated with 2-inch mineral wool and the ceiling with 4-inch mineral wool to make a house that's warm in winter, cool in summer.

Add in the two bedrooms, the kitchen, and the 20x 12½-foot living-dining room. It all totals up to a lot of livability in only 981 square feet of space. [*Turn to page 177*

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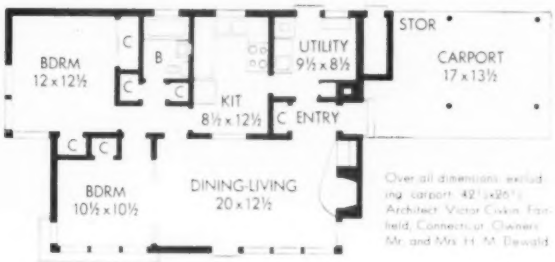
House is designed and oriented so that large living-room windows, as well as windows in both bedrooms, face toward the site's best view. Plant box runs around one corner, matches the strong horizontal lines of the eaves

U-shaped kitchen is compact, well planned. Fan, behind grill in far wall, carries off cooking odors. Directly behind camera there's a pass-through to the dining area and space for a small breakfast nook



Plan provides good circulation for a small house. Though hall space is kept to a minimum, traffic patterns skirt rather than cross through rooms

To gain living space, one bedroom opens off the living-dining room. Plans specify an accordion-type folding door to separate the two rooms, but you could hang draperies or put in a permanent partition

For economy of construction and to give a feeling of height, the living-dining room ceiling follows pitch of roof. The 6½-foot-high window wall also adds much to the apparent spaciousness of room. Note built-in bookshelves flanking fireplace

Photographs: Harry M. Dewald

How would you change these rooms?

There's a total of 20 mistakes in these three rooms. How many can you find? Get a pencil and test yourself

By Mary E. Brandt

You can't say there's a "right" and "wrong" way to decorate a room. You might choose Modern, but your neighbor would furnish the same room with Traditional. You're both "right," and both rooms can be equally charming.

But that's not to say you couldn't make mistakes. Each one of you could, in fact, make the same mistake in each room. Suppose you are going to hang a picture over the sofa. Your choice is limitless: subject, color, frame, size. You could even hang several pictures together. And you could go wrong on size, color, choice of subject, mat, and frame. You could hang it too high or too low. Or you could group several pictures together in a badly balanced arrangement.

The errors you'll find in these rooms are like that. Many are subtle mistakes in placement and balance; in size and scale; in combinations of color and pattern. Some are errors that, if corrected, would increase the livability or usefulness of the room. They're hard to find—but they'll count for plenty against the perfection you seek.

Now, study these rooms. Write the mistakes you find in the blanks below each picture. Then turn to page 142 and see how you rate as your own decorator.

A fully illustrated, 16-page study lesson in booklet form, based on this article, is available. The booklet includes a section on table arrangement. It's the last of 12 booklets of a new Better Homes & Gardens series on how you can do your own home decorating. See the box on page 108 for details on the complete series of booklets and how to get them.

Drawings: Richardson

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A. Find eight mistakes in this room

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B. *Find six mistakes in this room*

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3 ..... 6 .....

C. *Find six mistakes in this room*

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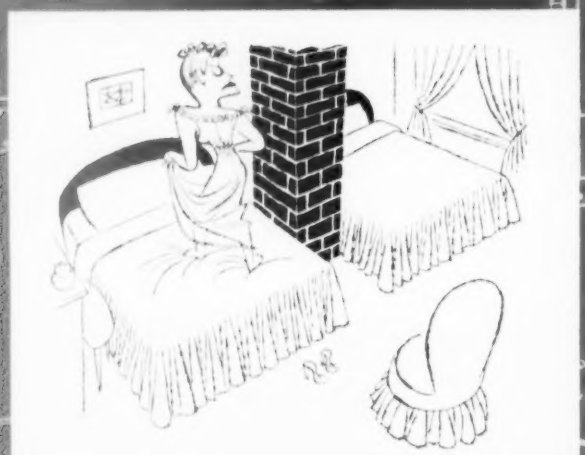
To check your answers, turn to page 112

The 12 most common planning mistakes

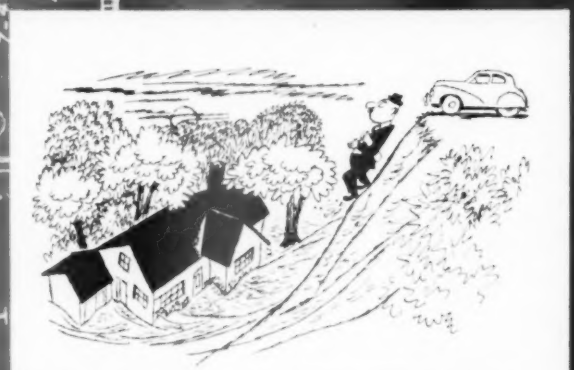
and how not to make them



Chimneys. You want a fireplace in the living room, but you neglect to show the chimney on the second-floor plan. When you do show it, you'll often find that it rises right in the middle of an upstairs bedroom

Bedroom-hall. When you try to cut down hall space, you can't do it by using rooms as passageways. It's poor planning if you have to go through one bedroom to reach the only bathroom or another bedroom

Poor window arrangement. Windows are both practical and decorative. They must let in light and air, must also provide contrast with the color and bulk of exterior walls. You may know where in a room you want windows, but the type of window you should use you often don't know. If you want to see out, do you know what you'll be looking at?



Orientation. If you plan for fun, taking advantage of sunlight and view is all you need to think about. But if you're designing your future home, design it to fit your lot, not find the lot to fit your plan. That lot may not exist, and you can add hundreds of dollars to cost by neglecting trees and the shape and slope of the lot where you build

The homes sketched below were designed by amateur architects. How good an amateur architect are you?

By Mort Reed, Jr.

These 12 mistakes turn up over and over again. They turn up in letters we receive from men and women who have decided to design their own homes. They turn up in amateur-drawn remodeling plans, and they turn up in homes we've seen which are far from being adequate for the families who live in them.

If you're planning a new home or remodeling an old one, remember that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" holds just as true for a good, livable house as it does for family health. And the best time to diagnose symptoms of a sick house is in the planning stage.

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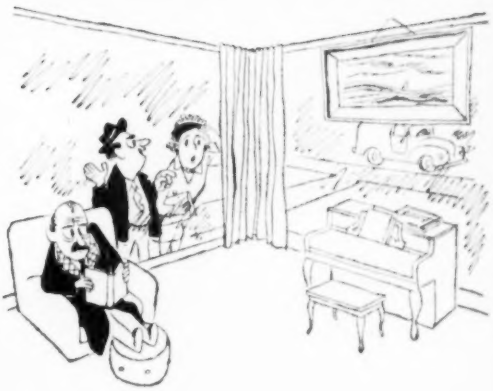
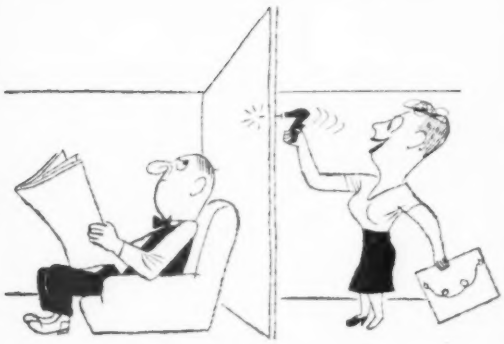
Bathroom over living room. You forget that pipes to and from plumbing fixtures have to go somewhere, and that "somewhere" is through walls. Yet you plan a bathroom directly over the living room, where there are no walls to carry plumbing—only a floor to carry noise



Lack of wall space. You try so hard to have a light, bright house with plenty of windows, and put in so many doorways to save steps, that you leave yourself almost no wall space for pictures and pieces of furniture

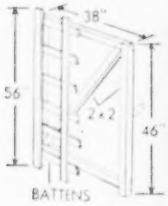


No wall thickness. Greatest amateur sin is to forget that interior walls have thickness. A plan with a thin line to show walls may be flawless—until you make walls 6 inches thick. Then nothing works

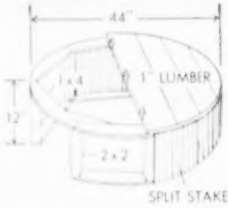
Roofs. Here's a stumbling block, especially for remodelers: You come up with a perfect plan—every room where it belongs, good circulation, no errors anywhere. But try to cover that plan economically with a roof, and you can't do it, except with a flat roof. Here is a compromise between desire and cost. Every break in a roof line adds much to the cost

You'll be way ahead next spring

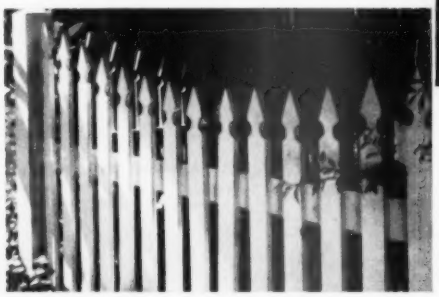
. . . if you build these decorative garden items in your home workshop now



Here's an easy-to-make gate to fit a fence or hedge—made of battens on a frame of 2x2's. Brace against sag; use rustproof hinges

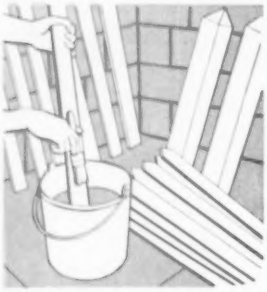


Here's a good-looking cover for wilted flowers, bouquets, leaves, and compost ingredients that ordinarily go in a pile or pit. Roughboard top covered with thin metal makes cover usable for sitting

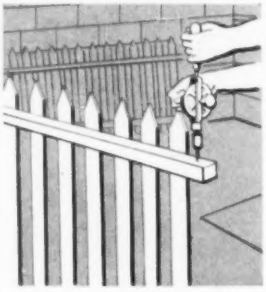


You can complete actual construction of a picket fence indoors. Salvage lumber will cut the cost. In designing tops, cut several at once by clamping them together

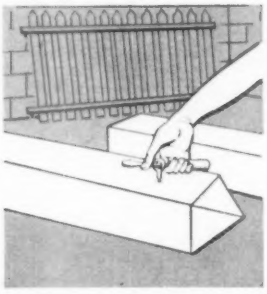
Have your fence painted and ready to assemble next spring



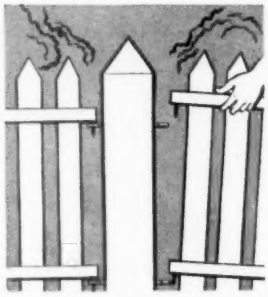
Soak or brush pickets, stringers, and posts with a chemical wood preservative before painting. Cut wood to size first. Dry well before painting



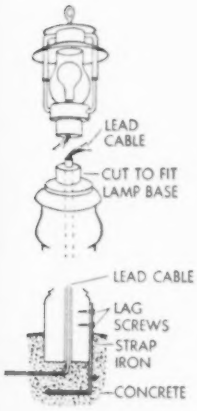
Make your fence in parts—8- or 10-foot sections for easy handling. Fit stringer ends with lag screws to match large-size screw eyes on posts



Use 4x4s to make unyielding fence posts. Be sure all cut ends are treated with preservative before painting, and that your fastenings are strong

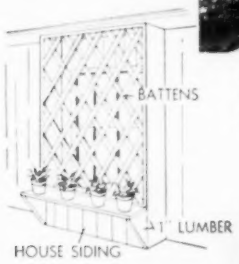


Before final assembly, set posts deeply and firmly against side play. Set directly in concrete, or bolt to iron straps imbedded in the concrete



An old post, or one you can turn on a lathe, makes an attractive outdoor light. For perfect safety, use a waterproof socket. Run lead cable to outlet

Here's a crisscross lattice screen you can use to increase privacy where you have sliding or casement windows that open toward inside. Batten screen can be easily removed by unloosening screws on each side. Shelf makes good display space for plants



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Three styles of unusual, highly adaptable planting boxes

A series of 10-inch-square planting boxes is useful along steps that lack edging of their own. Use 1x2-inch or heavier lumber for rims. Treat wood with a chemical preservative

Upper edge of this planting box gets finished look by beveling upper edge at an acute angle. Don't forget drainage holes. Leave an opening for air on back of base

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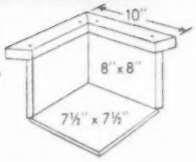
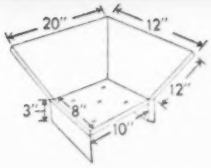
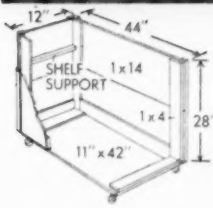






For a porch or terrace, build mobile planting boxes on casters. Inside supports on ends hold a shelf for plants. Allow 8 inches above shelf to accommodate pots and bulb pans. Set pots on a shallow metal tray to catch water

Christmas

By Fae Rourley

Tuck gay strawflowers, shiny foil leaves, and tiny Christmas balls into wreath cut from plastic foam

Three red-red roses in a simple white pitcher add bright color to the bookshelf. Cut tall stem three times pitcher height; the next two times; the short stem one and one-half times. Arrange in triangle

Photographs: Hopkins Van Ness

Santa's sleigh carries seven red roses backed with a sweep of Christmas greens. Place five evergreen branches on needlepoint holder so they form a triangle. Then arrange the roses within the triangle. Here the rose-laden sleigh makes a lovely end-of-the-table arrangement for a holiday party

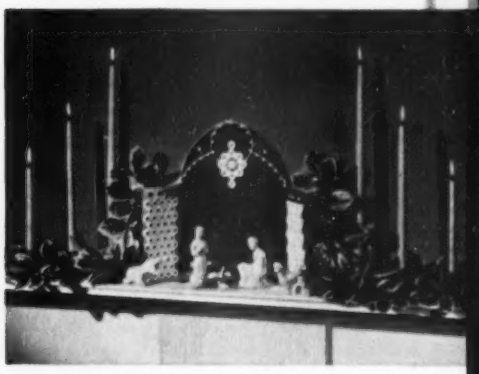
Two roses left now in the dozen Santa sent you (three are in the white pitcher, seven in the sleigh). These two nestle against three short pine branches in a low bowl, on an occasional table. Curve of the greenery balances the lamp. A spot of fresh, tranquil beauty to catch and please the eye

beauty with flowers

With the gay Christmas red of a dozen glorious roses, vivid poinsettias, carnations, or bright strawflowers, and the fresh Christmas green of pine, spruce, hemlock, or shiny holly, you have the season's loveliest decorations

Green buckram tree is trimmed with strawflowers, balls, metallic-paper frills. Candlesticks have foil collars

Poinsettia blossoms and spruce branches brighten your coffee table. Cut the flowers and treat stems as shown in the three steps on page 194



Variegated holly, slender candles frame exquisite creche. Mrs. Leslie Parker, Evanston, Illinois, covered cardboard with blue foil, decorated with mint candies, silver decorettes. See page 195

Red carnations cluster against three yew or hemlock branches. See how to arrange them, page 194. Red free-form dishes look festive against emerald cloth

It's a small world

By Helen McCall

You'll meet yourself coming and going these days if you just step up to the toy counter. There you'll find child-size versions—authentic, workable, realistic—of your clothes, your hobbies, your job. You can't keep anything from the kiddies any more.

From toddlers to teen-agers, the kiddies have their fun disguising themselves as real grownups

A clock like this is a little too complicated for adults, but it makes a lot of sense to a child who's learning to tell the time

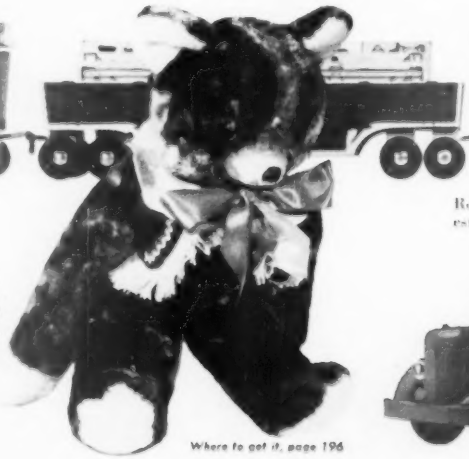
Photographs: Hopkins

The atomic age is nothing to fool around with, and these atom detectors really work. Set includes Geiger counter, cloud chamber, and electroscope

Fearless youngsters learn French without half trying. They read the script, play the record, and stage the action with aid of two hand puppets

Guaranteed energy extractor whizzes along like a railway handcar when the child pumps the handle

Rolling stock for cowboy rodeo or Indian battle satisfies the smallest set, which can still get plenty of make-believe action out of blocks



Just like a youngster, tumbling Teddy bear does somersaults by himself when he's all wound up

Instead of shooting Indians, today's young military experts figure problems of logistics in their pretend battles

Where to get it, page 196

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With holiday bustle and mealtime hustle . . .

take it easy . . . serve Good Hot Soup

BY Anne Marshall

ANNE MARSHALL
Director Home Economics
Campbell Soup Company

HERE again is that happiest season of the year—and for Mother, the busiest! With all she has to do, one thing can't be neglected—good, hearty meals.

Now there's where maybe I can help. Why not let soup take over? Soup's nourishing, of course, and you have so many substantial main-dish soups to choose from. Soup's specially appealing to appetites in winter; that's why December beats all months in soup eating. Soup's quick to serve, too—just four minutes from soup shelf to table—and it's so pleasantly easy on Christmas strained budgets.

On this page are three delicious soups to plan meals around, and some menu suggestions. So—here's an easier and happier Merry Christmas-*time* to you!

A clever cook keeps a full soup shelf.

TOMATO SOUP Gets the Spotlight

No doubt, like millions, you rely on "the soup most folks like best". Your entire family—from Grandma down to Junior—just love this blend of luscious tomatoes and creamery butter. Your menu:

Tomato Soup
Frizzled Dried Beef with Cream Sauce on Toasted Rolls or Muffins
Chocolate Layer Cake
(Meal Fixing Time 15 minutes)

CREAM OF ASPARAGUS SOUP brings a welcome taste of Spring

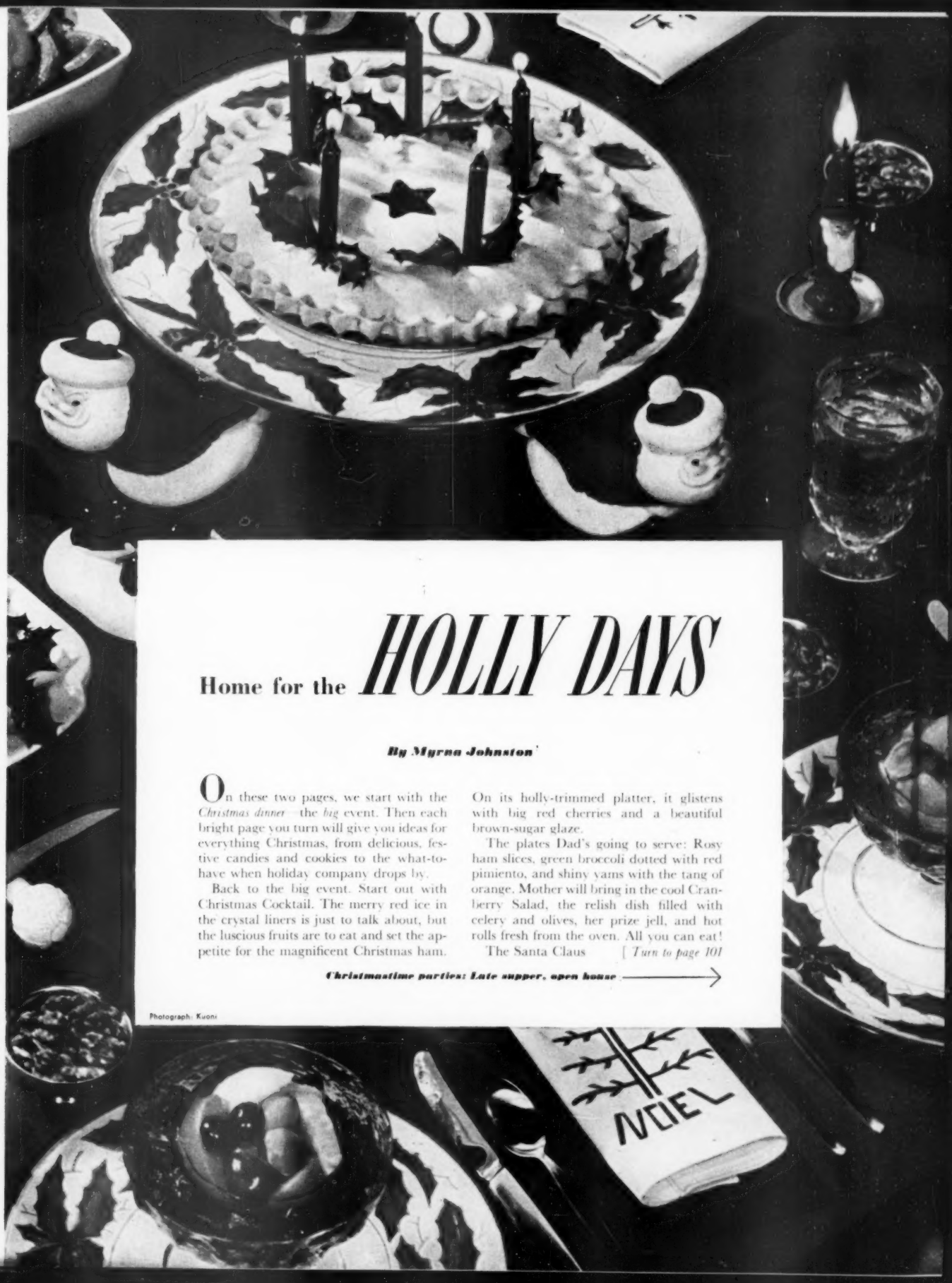
Here, in the crisp, cold days of winter, what's more tempting than to sit down to this smooth purée of springtime's favorite—tender garden asparagus!

Cream of Asparagus Soup
Chili Con Carne (Canned) **Hot French Bread**
Lemon Pudding
(Meal Fixing Time 15 minutes)

VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP makes a marvelous main dish

Rich, deep-flavored beef stock, fine garden vegetables and tender pieces of beef all through it—truly a soup to set before your family and friends on any occasion.

Vegetable Beef Soup
Mushroom Soup Cream Sauce on Quartered Eggs and Rice
Warm Apple Pie
(Meal Fixing Time 20 minutes)



Home for the *HOLLY DAYS*

By Myrna Johnston

On these two pages, we start with the *Christmas dinner* — the *big* event. Then each bright page you turn will give you ideas for everything Christmas, from delicious, festive candies and cookies to the what-to-have when holiday company drops by.

Back to the big event. Start out with Christmas Cocktail. The merry red ice in the crystal liners is just to talk about, but the luscious fruits are to eat and set the appetite for the magnificent Christmas ham. On its holly-trimmed platter, it glistens with big red cherries and a beautiful brown-sugar glaze.

The plates Dad's going to serve: Rosy ham slices, green broccoli dotted with red pimiento, and shiny yams with the tang of orange. Mother will bring in the cool Cranberry Salad, the relish dish filled with celery and olives, her prize jell, and hot rolls fresh from the oven. All you can eat!

The Santa Claus [*Turn to page 101*

Christmastime parties: Late supper, open house →

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When you invite folks in...

for late supper

LIFT THE LID, spoon out Turkey a la King from the chafing dish. Put plenty on a hot, crisp waffle. And while you're there, help yourself to a cool slice of jellied cranberry sauce. The green basket holds the relishes: Crisp carrot sticks and celery, olives, tiny sweet pickles. A la king is chafing-dish *hot;* relishes are snappy *cold*. The red basket's full of holiday fruits and jumbo doughnuts to match the jumbo cups of coffee.

To fix the jolly, star-studded Edam, you cut stars out with a small cooky cutter, replace them with golden stars cut from cheese slices. Trim off the top, and top off the Edam with holly trim. Cheese scoop's there on the tray; scoop in and help yourself. And don't pass up those little Mincemeat Tarts, flaky-tender, plump with filling.

This is a hearty feast for ravenous folks; for the gang trooping in from the TV set, the coasting hill, or the old skatin' pond. The cook gets everything ready ahead so she can TV, coast, or skate, too!

. . . or open house

WE'LL KEEP IT EASY—candles set aglow, punch bowl brimming a welcome with Christmas cranberry-juice cocktail. What cheerier, easier punch? Just chill the ruddy bottled juice and "glug-glug" it into the deep, cool bowl. And for a delicious, *hot* Pineapple Punch, see recipe on page 115. Festive floaters are holly-decked orange slices.

The sugarplum tray is laden with treats homemade, treats from the candy counter, treats from Christmas packages. Left to right: Sugar-sparkling Candied Orange Peel (you'll want to *make* this); fruitcake slices; Santa Claus Sandwiches, Cherry Logs—we give you recipes for both; fat, nut-stuffed prunes rolled in granulated sugar; slices of Neapolitan candy from the candy shop. And there's the holiday nutcracker and the nut bowl filled to heaping—guests love to crack and chat.

By Ida Ruth Miller

Photographs: Kuoni

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Festive buffet, fireside snacks, breakfast

Make merry with...

a gay Christmas buffet . . .

By Dorothy Wenke

Guests for dinner? A buffet keeps the talk merry and easy-going. Dad carves for the line-up. Then all circle to the right for cool relishes and Tomato Aspic Salad. And around to the twin-compartment server where peas and mushrooms, and creamed onions with pimento stars keep hot . . . and back to the golden-brown rolls and the fat butter balls. *Everybody* comes back for seconds, then for dessert: fruity puddings around the tall, snowy candle. And you bring in the fresh-brewed coffee

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Santa Claus breakfast . . .

Big-eyed little folks will say Santa's been in the kitchen, too! And there are Mr. 'n' Mrs. S., their packs filled with Christmas suckers; a tree trimmed with candy apples. But settle down to breakfast now: A grapefruit half with red cranberries and sprigs of parsley; Christmas Porridge (try it once and it's a family tradition); a mug of hot cocoa with a big, melty marshmallow

Recipes on page 116

easy fireside snacks . . .

A blazing, crackling fire, a snack in hand, the cozy talk only the fireside can inspire—that's the entertainment your guests will most enjoy when they drop by your house.

The treat can be a Susan loaded with finger foods: Crisp cauliflowerets; ripe and green olives; pink shrimp; Cocktail Sauce in the bowl; Water-cress Sandwiches; and Kris Kringle Stack-ups . . . or a cup of hot, hot coffee and a Candlestick Cake . . . or Hot Mulled Cider, with a stick-cinnamon stirrer, and broiled Cheese and Bacon Sandwich

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Ho, ho, ho! Who wouldn't go for these

Quick candy trims

Old-fashioned ribbon candy, red hots, gumdrops slim and long, round and fat, marzipan fruits, striped candy canes, and tiny decorettes are some of the bright candies you will use to trim your Christmas cookies, cakes, and candies

Upper left: Candlestick and Christmas-tree Cakes and Snowballs. Upper right: satin-bowed candy canes in big popcorn balls.

Center: Marshmallow-Nut Puffs, Divinity, Turkish paste, White Fudge, more Divinity, Stuffed Dates. Below right: Fruitcake with marzipan fruits. Left: Popcorn Trees

Ho, ho! Good old Santa Claus is driving a sleigh of puffed-rice cereal with candy-cane runners skimming over the rock-candy snow. And you can make the sleigh yourself.

Fat sugar cookies — stars, rounds, and trees — are all ready to delight little girls and boys. They're frosted, then trimmed with bright candies

Photographs: Kuoni

Build a gay candy cottage, and your reward as architect will be the wide-eyed wonderment of its small-fry owners. The kids won't miss a single fascinating detail — from the candy candle beaming from the little window with candy shutters, to the wisps of smoke puffing from the peanut chimney. The exact building directions and candies you'll need, page 119

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Turn next page for ideas for easy hostessing

Switch to easy hostessing

with electric appliances

For a late snack, toaster tray goes right to the living-room coffee table. The hungry ones toast and spread their own (the little jam and cheese jars come with the tray). You fetch the coffee

The answer to getting time off for all the holiday fun is to put your electric appliances to work.

Coffee makers to casseroles, they're all busy on these pages to show you a good time. Some you'll have; some you may find under your Christmas tree ready to go to work for the holiday week. They make for a gracious, easy kind of entertaining; for happy, contented talk at the family fireside.

Some folks dropping by to see what Santa left? Have a "coffee," one of the friendliest, chattiest ways to entertain. Coffee maker takes over while you fix something sweet 'n' easy. Christmas breakfast hectic at your house? Keep it under control. Put your automatic helpers to work. And look to your waffle baker or grill, your electric casserole, to feed the skating and sledding gangs and other ravenous callers.

The best kitchen help to be had is waiting to be plugged in or switched on, and leave you free—the gracious hostess.

Easy waffle supper. The fixings are simple. Use a quick mix for the waffles, keep a la king good and hot in the electric casserole. Baker turns out four crisp waffles at a time. You can remove grids, use baker for a grill: it opens up flat so you can use both sides

Christmas breakfast looks after itself. Eggs cook exactly the way you like them in automatic cooker. (The trick's the amount of water you add.) Toast pops up at just the right brownness. You can operate the controls from either end. No clock watching here

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A kitchen party is easy for you and fun for everyone. While the cheeseburgers grill, coffee brews automatically; and you set out the pie and salad on snack bar or counter. Listen to the easy talk at a party like this!

Holiday hospitality. Coffee perks tantalizingly in the cheery red pot while you bring in orange-nut cake fresh from the oven. Callers sip juice and you do the serving honors. The handsome automatic percolator comes in gold and blue, too

Morning coffee. Coffee maker's automatic, so think no more about it till time to pour. That gives you minutes to fill the basket with sugary doughnut "holes" and peg in the juicy pineapple

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Now! Creamy Coconut Pies! Made at home in minutes!

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Now — you can make a beautiful, luscious coconut cream pie at home — quicker, easier and more economically than ever before!

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And what a pie! Chock-full of coconut and lots of swell eating! Makes a scrumptious pudding, too! Better get some today!

FOR *Red Letter* DESSERTS

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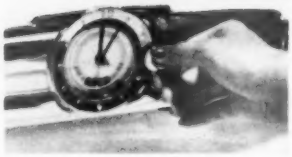

Holiday oven dinner. Catch is, family has to eat whether you're holiday-busy or not! Let the oven take over while you shop. Ham loaf, squash, potatoes, date pudding go in all at once. Timer (see picture, left) turns oven on and off

Fireside supper. Roll supper in by the Christmas tree and the crackling fire. Top deck of cart is plugged in to keep food piping hot. Lower deck holds the dishes, silver, cool salad

Sip 'n' dip snack. Liquidizer's frothing up a refreshing drink to pour in the Christmas mugs. Mixer's fluffing up a cream-cheese dip for the potato chips in the bowl. In a jiffy, you can have a perfect before-dinner or 10 p.m. snack

Pick the peaches you'd pick yourself!

Pick LIBBY'S off your *grocer's shelf,* and you're picking the peaches you'd pick from the *trees*

These are the peaches *your* eye would have chosen . . . the beauties *you'd* have reached for too. These are the peaches never picked till they themselves say, "Go!" . . . when their warm crimson "blush" announces the very hour that they're right and ready.

Luscious and sweet and full of flavor are these Libby peaches. How good to know that such peaches are on grocers' shelves! And at prices no higher (sometimes even lower) than others. Pick the peaches you'd pick yourself . . . PICK LIBBY'S.

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Big day coming up?

Birthday

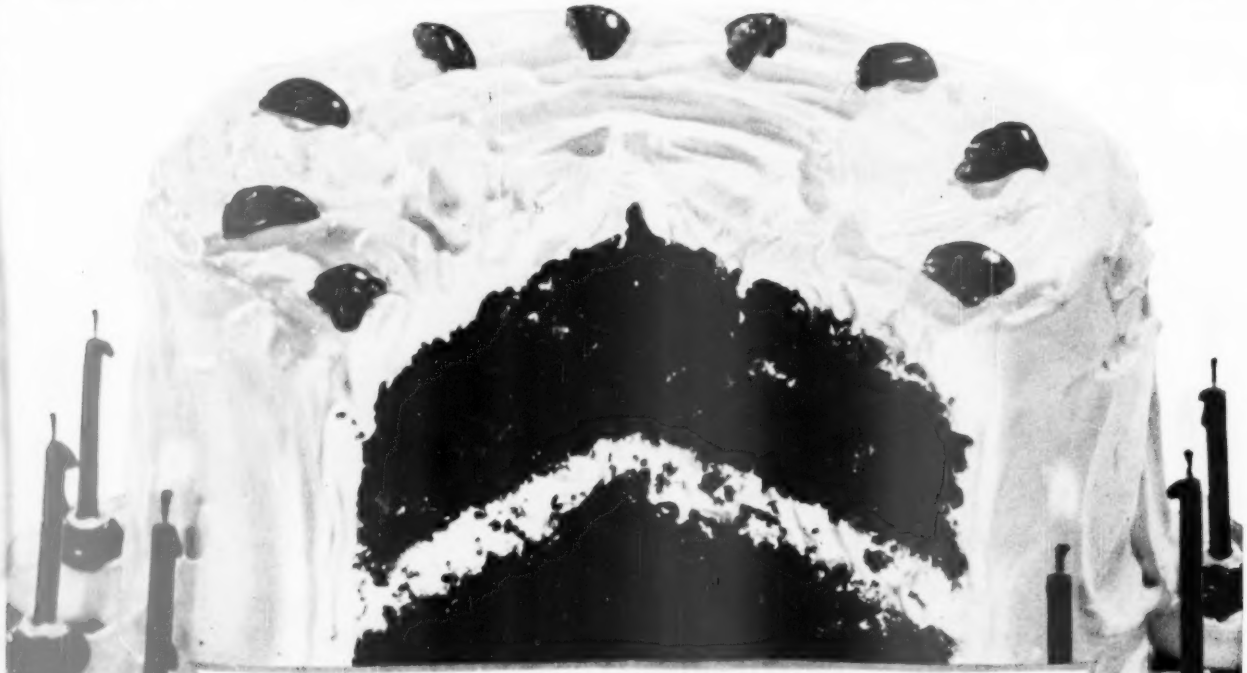
Anniversary

Holiday

remember, men love

Swans Down cakes

(and the girls who bake them!)



CANDLELIGHT CAKE

Prepare to glow . . . and shine, shine, *shine!* Whip up this party-bright devil's food . . . listen to the burst of "whee-ee-ees". . . and you'll be convinced that when you want to bake a man-dazzling beauty you've *got* to make your cake with Swans Down Cake Flour!

For no mix . . . no *ordinary* flour . . . *no* other flour in the world . . . can make this cake so Swans Down-velvety . . . so man-temptingly luscious. That's because Swans Down is a *superfine* flour . . . specially milled to give you finer, lighter, tenderer cakes . . . *super-luxurious cakes.* That's why more women use Swans Down than all other packaged cake flours combined.

To Mix: Use recipe for Devil's Food Cake on back of Swans Down Cake Flour package.

To Bake: Bake in layers as directed. Cool.

To Decorate: Spread seven-minute frosting between layers and on top and sides of cake, saving a small amount to make mounds at base of cake. Stick small colored candles in red cherries and place on the mounds. Garnish top of cake with additional pieces of cherries.

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CHRISTMAS CANDY

Snow Drops

Under the "snow" there's creamy apricot candy—

8 dried apricot halves
1 cup water
2 cups sugar
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup shredded coconut

Cook apricots, covered, in water till soft. Add sugar, salt, and butter. Cook to soft-ball stage (234° to 236°). Add vanilla. Cool to lukewarm (110°). Beat till thick and creamy. Drop from a spoon into shredded coconut. Toss to cover with coconut. Cool on waxed paper. Makes 18 pieces. Soft-ball test: Drop a small amount of mixture into cup of cold water. Mixture will form a ball that can be picked up in water but will fall apart when taken out of water.—*Mrs. P. F. Wilson, Canajoharie, New York.*

Uncooked Fruit Caramels

Sugar-sprinkled, full of bright, chewy Christmas fruits and nuts—

1 cup seeded raisins
1/2 cup dried apricots
1/2 cup dried figs
1 cup pitted dates
1/2 cup candied orange peel
6 candied cherries
1 cup California walnuts
3 tablespoons orange juice
Confectioners' sugar

Wash raisins, apricots, figs. Put first seven ingredients through food chopper. Add enough orange juice to hold fruit and nuts together; mix well. Press into greased 8x8x2-inch pan. Chill overnight in refrigerator. Cut in squares. Roll in confectioners' sugar.—*Mrs. H. R. Flemming, Madison, Wisconsin.*

CRANBERRY DESSERTS

Jelly Mints

Quick creamy fondant mints with gay gumdrop centers—

1 pound confectioners' sugar
1/4 teaspoon peppermint extract
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup cold water
Jelly strings

Put sugar, peppermint extract, and salt in bowl. Add water gradually. Stir till all sugar is moist. Knead till mixture is stiff enough to roll. Measure 1 1/2 tablespoons of fondant mixture. Flatten into small rectangle. Hold 3 or 4 jelly strips together. Roll fondant around them. Slice on waxed paper. Makes about 6 dozen pieces.—*Mrs. G. H. Van DeVen, Lake Bluff, Illinois.*

Cooks' Round Table of Endorsed Recipes

Desserts

Cranberry Angel Tarts

Snowy lemon-chiffon filling with a wreath of rosy Christmas cranberries—

1/4 cup sugar
1 stiff-beaten egg white
1 1/2 teaspoons unflavored gelatine
2 tablespoons cold water
Dash of salt
1 1/2 teaspoons lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon almond extract
1/2 cup heavy cream, whipped
5 to 6 baked pastry tart shells

Beat sugar into egg white. Soften gelatine in cold water; dissolve over hot water. Stir into egg-white mixture. Beat 1 minute with rotary beater or electric mixer. Add salt, lemon juice, and almond extract. Cool. Fold in whipped cream. Pour into tart shells. Chill until set. Top with **Cranberry Glaze:** Combine 1 cup sugar and 1 cup water. Boil 5 minutes. Add 2 cups cranberries; cook till skins burst, about 5 minutes. Cool. Stir in 1 tablespoon cornstarch and cook till clear and thickened. Cool.—*Mrs. Harry Crystal, St. Louis Park, Minnesota.*

Quick Cranberry Parfait

1 3½-ounce package tapioca pudding	1 16-ounce can whole cranberry sauce

Make pudding according to directions on package. Cool. Arrange alternate layers of tapioca and cranberry sauce in parfait glasses. Chill. To serve, top with whipped cream and a spoonful of cranberry sauce. Serves 4.—*Mrs. J. Arthur Wilson, Jr., Cornwall, Connecticut.*

Cranberry Pin Wheels

2 cups cranberries	¾ cup enriched flour
1 cup chopped apples	1½ teaspoons baking powder
½ cup water	1 tablespoon sugar
¾ cup sugar	⅛ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons butter	2 tablespoons butter
¼ teaspoon cloves	3 tablespoons milk
½ teaspoon nutmeg	

Simmer cranberries and apples in water 10 minutes. Stir in sugar, 2 tablespoons butter, and spices. Put 1¾ cups of mixture in bottom of 8-inch round cake pan. Sift dry ingredients together. Cut in 2 tablespoons butter. Add milk and stir till just moistened. Roll in 6x9-inch rectangle ½ inch thick. Brush with melted butter. Spread with remaining cranberry. Roll as for jelly roll. Cut in 1-inch slices. Place cut side down on cranberry mixture. Bake in hot oven (425°) 20 minutes. Serve warm with **Hard Sauce:** Thoroughly cream ¼ cup butter, 1 cup confectioners' sugar, ½ teaspoon vanilla.—*Mrs. Marion Heilman, La Grange, Kentucky.*

Cranberry Roll

4 egg yolks	¼ teaspoon salt
¼ cup sugar	1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon vanilla	2 3-ounce packages cream cheese
4 egg whites	2 teaspoons milk
½ cup sugar	
¾ cup cake flour	

Beat egg yolks until thick and lemon-colored; gradually beat in ¼ cup sugar and vanilla. Beat whites until almost stiff; add ½ cup sugar and beat till stiff. Fold yolks into whites. Fold in sifted dry ingredients. Bake in waxed-paper-lined 15½x10½x1-inch pan in a moderate oven (375°) 12 minutes. Turn onto towel sprinkled with confectioners' sugar. Remove waxed paper. Trim crusts. Roll quickly with a waxed-paper sheet on inside of roll. Wrap in sugared towel. Cool. Unroll. Remove paper. Spread with cream cheese thinned with milk. Roll. **Cranberry Topping:** Grind ½ orange, unpeeled. Stir in 1 cup canned jellied cranberry sauce, 2 tablespoons sugar. Soften 1½ teaspoons unflavored gelatine in 2 tablespoons cold water. Dissolve over hot water. Stir into cranberry mixture. Chill till partially set. Spread over roll. Chill.—*Mrs. Walter A. Hoffman, Chicago, Illinois.*

Cooks' Round Table of Endorsed Recipes

Candy

Easy Mint Fudge

None of that long, hard beating for this creamy fudge—

4 cups sugar	½ cup butter or fortified margarine	½ pound marshmallows (about 32)
1 14½-ounce can (1¾ cups) evaporated milk	1 12-ounce package chocolate mint wafers	California walnut halves

Combine sugar, milk, and butter. Cook to soft-ball stage (234° to 236°), stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add mint wafers and marshmallows. Stir till blended. Pour immediately in buttered 13x9x2-inch pan. Cut in squares. Place walnut half on each piece.—*Mrs. Galen Weber, Dolliver, Iowa.*

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CORNPATCH BAKED EGGS

1 #303 can DEL MONTE Golden Cream Style Corn
Salt to taste
Pepper to taste
4 - ¾" green pepper rings, parboiled about 5 min.
4 medium-size eggs
1 tbsp. fine dry bread crumbs
2 tbsps. grated American cheese
Paprika
Butter as desired

Turn on oven to moderate (350°F.). Season corn with salt and pepper; heat in oven-proof frying pan or 4 ramekins. Place pepper rings on corn. Break eggs into rings, sprinkle with salt, pepper, crumbs and cheese, then dust with paprika. Dot corn with butter. Bake about 15 min. or till egg whites set. Serves 4.

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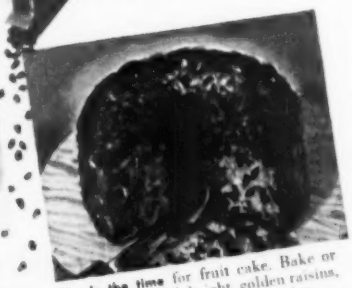

Now's the time for fruit cake. Bake or buy one, rich with bright, golden raisins, for your family and guests to enjoy.

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Contest for cooks

Prizes for ice cream and sherbets, hot dogs

You have 21 chances to win in this month's contest. And $10 will be mailed to the good cook sending in the best ice-cream or sherbet, or hot-dog recipe. Twenty other contributors will win $5 each. Eight of the top recipes will be pictured in Cooks' Round Table next July.

Ice Cream and Sherbets. For cool eating there's nothing better than a smooth ice cream or sherbet. Frosty ice cream with fresh summer fruit flavors could be strawberry, peach, raspberry, or delicious cherry. Perhaps you stir in chopped nuts, chocolate, bits of candy, mellow coffee, or bananas.

You may freeze a tart lime sherbet in the refrigerator, or an orange sherbet in a hand-cranked freezer. Or do you combine fruit flavors and make your favorite sherbet in a motor-driven ice-cream freezer?

Tell us, too, about sweet toppings you use to make your ice cream and sherbet party fare.

Hot Dogs. You may call them frankfurters, wieners, franks, or just plain hot dogs. What are your family-tested ways with these year-round stand-bys?

When the heat catches up with you, do you serve plump wieners with rich tomato catsup or thin slices of sharp cheese? Perhaps you grill them outdoors over smoldering coals while all gather around to help with the turning.

Could be you serve them with a spicy barbecue sauce, bake them with dried Limas, or fresh garden vegetables. Or do you eat them with a zippy mustard spread, chop them for a hearty salad, or split big franks and fill with apple stuffing?

Maybe you fix a hot-dog casserole just right for family suppers or potluck get-togethers.

We want to hear your tricks for hot-dog main dishes.

And remember, the winners of these 21 prizes will receive the *Better Homes & Gardens* Certificate of Endorsement and *six copies of the endorsed recipe.*

1. Write your recipe clearly on one side of the paper. Send but one recipe at a time and mark it, "July Ice Cream and Sherbets" or "July Hot Dogs."
2. Print your full name and address clearly in upper right corner of recipe page.
3. Give measurements in *level* cups, tablespoons, and teaspoons, never in heaping or scant measurements.
4. Be sure to specify in your recipe the brand names of the *nationally* known food products you use as ingredients—products available everywhere. We must know them so we can test your recipe with the same brands you use.
5. Include 50 to 100 words about the history or origin of your recipe.
6. All recipes submitted become the property of *Better Homes & Gardens.*
7. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, December 31.
8. Address the recipes you enter to 5412 Tasting-Test Kitchen, *Better Homes & Gardens,* Des Moines 3, Iowa.

This month's winners

Cook-of-the-Month is Mrs. Harry Crystal. Her Cranberry Angel Tarts have a light chiffon filling topped by a rosy Cranberry Glaze.

For a pretty, easy dessert, try Mrs. J. Arthur Wheeler, Jr.'s Quick Cranberry Parfait. Mrs. Marion Heilman combines cranberries and apples and rolls them up in a soft dough for Cranberry Pin Wheels.

Cranberry Roll is the winning recipe submitted by Mrs. Walter A. Hoffman. It is spread with a bright Cranberry Topping.

Prizewinning Easy Mint Fudge takes high honors for Christmas candies. Mrs. Galen Weber makes it with marshmallows and mint-chocolate wafers.

If your family likes coconut, try Mrs. P. F. Wilson's Snow Drops. For a rich, fruity holiday candy, you will enjoy Mrs. H. R. Flemming's Uncooked Fruit Caramels. Sugary jelly strings center each Jelly Mint in Mrs. G. H. Van DeVen's winning Christmas candy.

You'll find these recipes on pages 85 and 86.

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CHERRY CORDIAL CHIFFON CAKE

MAKE ONLY WITH SOFTASILK

Preheat oven (see pan sizes and corresponding temperatures below). SIFT an ample amount of SOFTASILK CAKE FLOUR onto a square of paper. Chop nuts *very* fine; slice and chop well drained maraschino cherries *very* fine (see quantities below).

STEP 1 . . . **Measure** (level measurements throuout) and SIFT together into mixing bowl:

- **2¼ cups *sifted* SOFTASILK Cake Flour (spoon lightly into cup, don't pack)**
- **1½ cups sugar**
- **3 tsp. baking powder**
- **1 tsp. salt**

Make a well and add in order:

- **½ cup cooking (salad) oil, such as Wesson**
- **5 unbeaten egg yolks (medium-sized)**
- **¼ cup maraschino cherry juice**
- **½ cup cold water**
- **1 tsp. vanilla**

Beat until *smooth* with spoon or beat with electric mixer on medium speed for 1 minute.

STEP 2 . . . **Measure** into *large* mixing bowl:

- **1 cup egg whites (7 or 8)**
- **½ tsp. cream of tartar**

Beat until whites form *very stiff* peaks by hand or with electric mixer on high speed for 3 to 5 minutes. DO NOT UNDERBEAT. Egg whites are stiff enough when a rubber scraper drawn through them leaves a clean path.

STEP 3 . . . **Pour** egg yolk mixture gradually over beaten egg whites—*gently* folding with rubber scraper *just* until blended. DO NOT STIR.

Mix together:

- ***½ cup very thinly sliced and finely chopped well drained maraschino cherries**
- **½ cup very finely chopped nuts**

Sprinkle over top of batter gently folding in with a few strokes. Pour into *ungreased* pan immediately.

Bake: Tube pan, 10 x 4-in.—325° (slow moderate oven)—65 to 70 minutes; oblong pan, 13 x 9½ x 2-in.—350° (mod. oven)—45 to 50 minutes . . . or until top springs back when *lightly* touched.

Immediately turn pan upside down, placing tube part over neck of funnel or bottle, or resting edges of oblong pan on 2 other pans. Let hang, free of table, until cold. Loosen from sides and tube with spatula. Turn pan over and hit edge sharply on table to loosen. Frost with White Mountain Icing.

***CAUTION:** Cherries must be very well drained and very finely chopped or they will sink to the bottom.

WHITE MOUNTAIN ICING

Stir until well blended in a small saucepan ½ cup sugar, ¼ cup white corn syrup, 2 tbsp. water. Boil rapidly to 242° (mixture spins a 6 to 8-in. thread or a few drops form a firm ball when dropped into cold water). When mixture begins to boil, start beating ¼ cup egg whites (2 small). Beat until stiff enough to hold a peak. Pour hot syrup slowly in a thin steady stream into beaten egg whites, beating constantly with electric or rotary beater until mixture stands in *very stiff* peaks. Blend in 1 tsp. vanilla.

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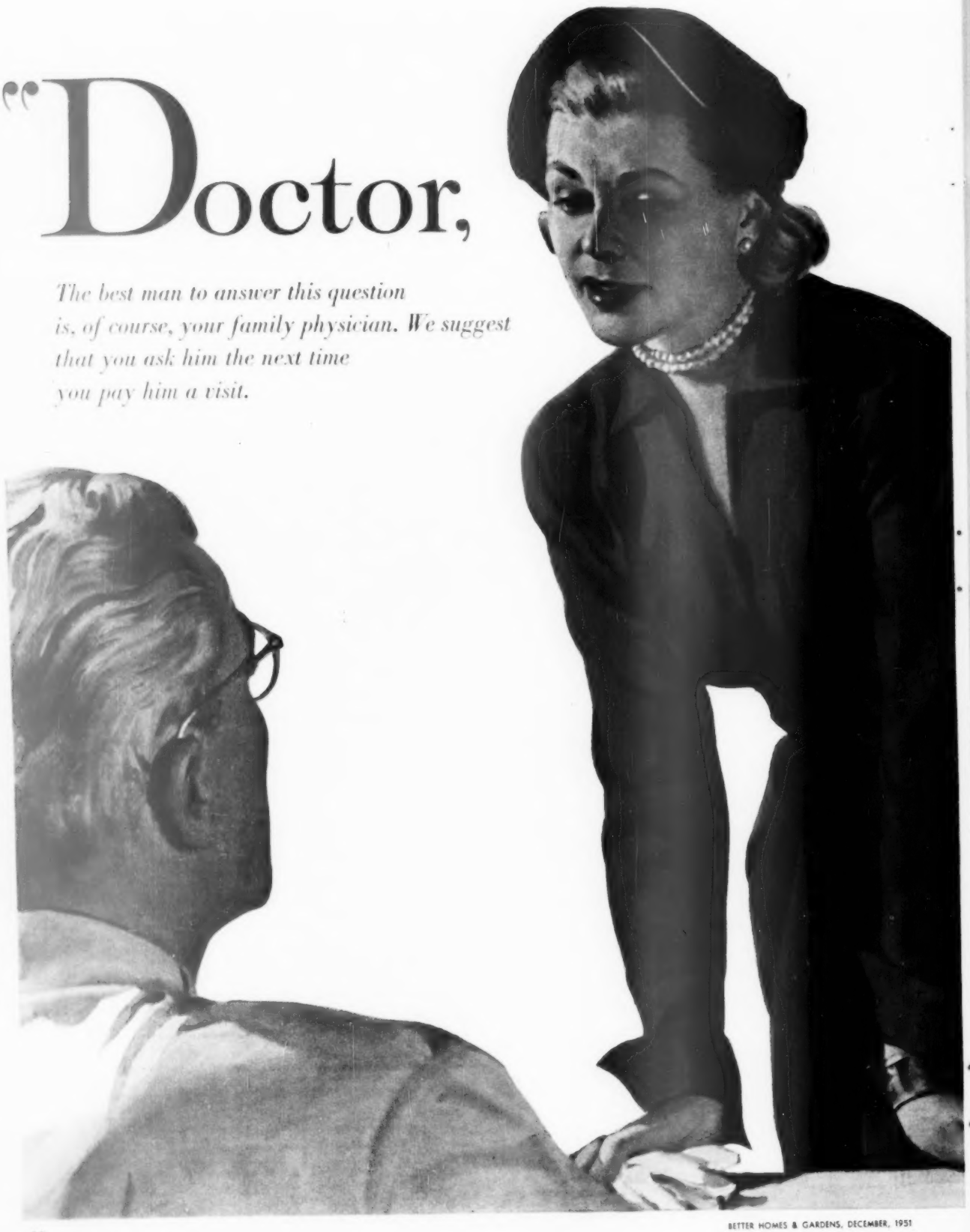

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NUTRITIONAL TIME BOMB?"

"Nutritional Time Bomb" is science's dramatic name for an equally dramatic discovery about diet . . . the discovery that injuries caused by mistakes in diet may not reveal themselves until years later.

Like actual time bombs, these injuries remain hidden and unrecognized, exploding into symptoms when it is too late to do anything about them. Thus, the dietary wrongs of childhood may be visited upon the adult.

Such scourges of later life as tooth decay, goiter, high blood pressure, heart disease, anemia and hardening of the arteries are not necessarily caused by present diet faults. They may be the delayed effects of earlier injury, where a dietary deficiency has existed too long.

A sound child body—the foundation of a sound adult body—must be built from the food that goes into it. The true effect of a mother's care during childhood has only begun to be understood. And, since eating habits are formed in childhood, the conscientious parent can do much to insure the child against later penalties of wrong eating.

The protective foods should be used generously in the daily diet. Important among these are bananas—long prescribed by doctors as one of the first solid foods for infants. Bananas have a well-rounded supply of vitamins and minerals, and are distinctly beneficent in their action upon the digestive tract. Because of the many appetizing ways in which bananas can be served, as well as because of their nutritional value, they are now being more widely used than ever.

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Fresh-baked

for a heart-warming holiday

By Clara Gebhard Snyder and Testing-Test Kitchen

These are the Christmas breads you saw on the cover—plus two more, Cinnamon-roll Tree and Sugarplum Tree—and the recipes you'll need to make them. Fresh-baked and fragrant, they're a gay, I-thought-of-you way to say Merry Christmas to your friend and neighbor down the street.

Jolly Wreaths to hang and to eat

Fat Cinnamon-roll Tree

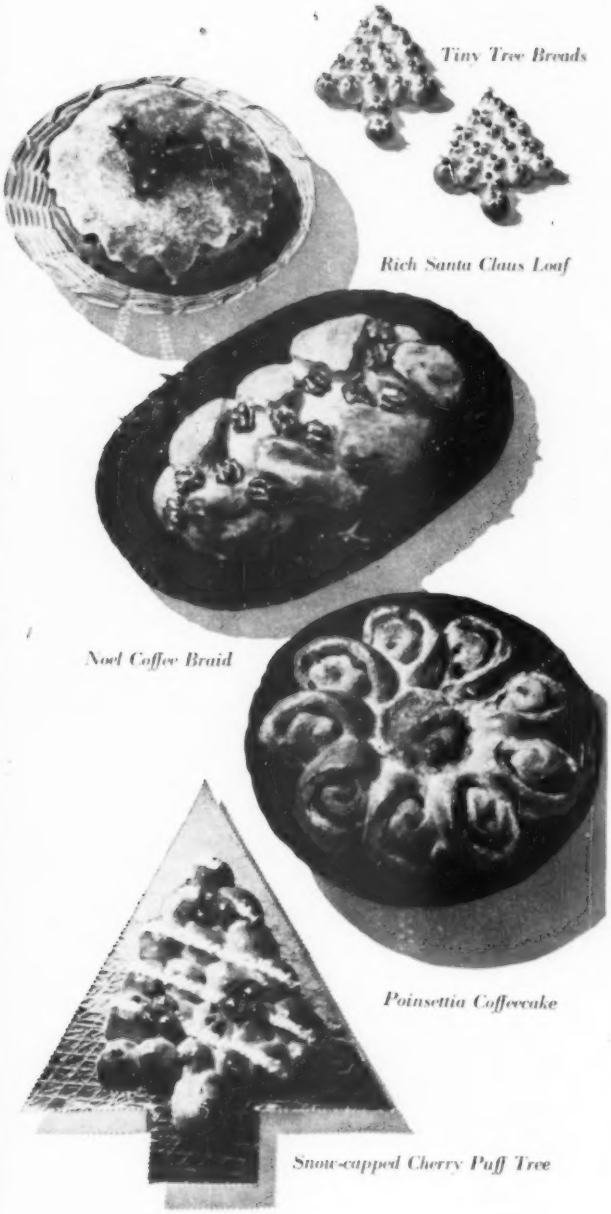
A Sugarplum Tree, sweet and crusty

Basic Sweet Dough

Start with this dough to bake the Christmas breads on the cover—

- 1 cup milk, scalded
- ¼ cup shortening
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 4¾ cups enriched flour
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 2 cakes compressed yeast or 2 packages active dry yeast
- ¼ cup lukewarm water
- 2 well-beaten eggs

Combine milk, shortening, sugar, and salt. Cool to lukewarm. Stir in 2 cups flour and lemon peel; beat until smooth. Add yeast softened in lukewarm water. Add eggs; mix thoroughly. Add the rest of the flour; mix to a soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface about 6 to 8 minutes until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl; cover with clean towel. Let rise in warm place until double. Punch down. You're all set to make the pretty breads on the cover.



Tiny Christmas Trees and Wreaths

Sweet little breads to hang on your tree—

Use ½ recipe of Basic Sweet Dough. Roll dough with your hands into long, slim ropes ½ inch thick. Cut into ½-inch bits. Roll into small balls and arrange on greased baking sheet. **For trees:** Cut a paper pattern of a triangle 3 inches high with a 4¼-inch base. Mark corners on baking sheet. Line up balls in rows 5-4-3-2-1; use 2 balls for trunk. **For wreaths:** Draw around a small glass and place balls around the circle. Bake in a moderate oven (350°) 20 minutes. Decorate each tiny bun using confectioners' sugar frosting in pastry tube. (Recipe page 96.) Top with a red cinnamon candy. Makes 5 trees and 4 wreaths.

Sugarplum Tree

Use ¼ recipe Basic Sweet Dough for each tree. Divide into 4 equal

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'Tis the month before Christmas
And most everywhere,
Mothers are rushing
With no time to spare.

With presents to buy
And housework to do,
Are three meals a day
A problem for you?

Well here's a suggestion
To help save your day—
Relax and "Eat Hearty"
This quick, easy way.

Eat HEARTY-with Franco-American Spaghetti!

Here's a hearty dish that helps you serve delicious and nourishing meals on busy pre-Christmas days—Franco-American Spaghetti! It tastes so good, your family will all *eat hearty*, too! Franco-American is spaghetti the way you like it—tender-cooked in a savory sauce of plump, juicy tomatoes and well-aged Cheddar cheese. You'll also like the way it saves you kitchen time when there are so many other things to be done. And it's thrifty, only *pennies* a portion! Have Franco-American Spaghetti often—now, and all through the holidays.

JUST HEAT... AND EAT HEARTY!

Fresh-baked

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parts. Roll each part into a long strand, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick. Brush with melted butter or fortified margarine. On a piece of waxed paper, mix $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sugar and 2 teaspoons grated orange peel. Spread evenly on paper and roll each long strand in mixture. Twist each strand; then pinch the four together to make one long strand. On a greased baking sheet, draw a triangular outline of a tree 8 inches tall and 6 inches at base. Starting at tip of tree, swirl dough back and forth making a tree. Twist a small piece of dough to make a 2-inch trunk. Cover and let rise until double. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 25 minutes. Decorate with bits of candied cherries.

Santa Claus Loaf

Full of raisins, bright candied fruits, nuts. It's like old-fashioned stollen—

- 1 cup milk, scalded
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup shortening
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons salt
- 2 cakes compressed yeast or 2 packages active dry yeast
- 2 well-beaten eggs
- 4 cups enriched flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup seedless raisins
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup candied cherries
- 1 teaspoon candied orange peel
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sliced citron
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups chopped California walnuts
- 1 tablespoon cardamom seeds

Combine milk, shortening, sugar, and salt. Cool to lukewarm. Soften yeast in this mixture. Add eggs. Mix thoroughly. Add remaining ingredients. Mix to soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl; cover with damp cloth. Let rise in warm place (82°) until double, about 2 hours. Punch down. Let rest 15 minutes. Divide dough into 2 equal parts. Shape each in a round loaf. Place on cooky sheet. Let double. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 1 hour. *Drizzle* with confectioners' sugar frosting (page 96); sprinkle with rock candy. Top with a sprig of holly.

Noel Coffee Braid

Snow-tipped—dotted with nuts—

- $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups milk, scalded
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup shortening
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cake compressed or 1 package active dry yeast
- 2 slightly beaten eggs
- $4\frac{1}{2}$ cups enriched flour
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups seedless raisins

Combine milk, shortening, sugar, and salt; cool to lukewarm. Soften yeast in this mixture. Add eggs. Add flour sifted with cinnamon, and raisins; mix to soft dough. Knead lightly on floured surface until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl; cover with damp cloth. Let rise until double. Divide dough into 2 equal parts. Let rest 10 minutes. Roll each part into rectangle, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick; cut each rectangle lengthwise into 3 strips. Braid 3 strips in loaf form. Place on greased baking sheet; cover. Let rise until double. Bake in moderately hot oven (375°) 30 minutes. While the bread is still warm, *glaze* with confectioners' sugar frosting (page 96). Decorate with California walnut halves. Makes two 4x12-inch braids.

Poinsettia Coffeecake

Pretty as a Christmas flower—

Use $\frac{1}{2}$ recipe Basic Sweet Dough for each poinsettia. Roll $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick on lightly floured surface to form rectangle 16x12 inches. Brush with melted butter or fortified margarine. Mix 3 tablespoons sugar with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fruitcake mix of candied fruits and peels or finely chopped candied cherries, and sprinkle over dough. Roll as for jelly roll; seal edge. With a sharp knife, snip off ends; cut roll *diagonally* in nine $\frac{1}{2}$-inch pieces. Reserve end pieces for the center of the poinsettia. Place slices, cut side down, on greased baking sheet. Arrange in a circle, pointed ends out, each slice overlapping slightly. Put end pieces in center. Cover. Let rise until double. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 25 minutes. When slightly cool, *glaze* with confectioners' sugar frosting (page 96) and decorate center with grated orange peel.

Cherry Puff Tree

Bits of red cherry are in each little puff—

- 1 cup milk, scalded
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- $3\frac{1}{4}$ cups enriched flour
- 2 well-beaten eggs
- 1 cake compressed yeast or 1 package active dry yeast
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup lukewarm water
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups chopped candied cherries

Combine milk, shortening, sugar, and salt. Cool to lukewarm. Stir in 2 cups flour; beat until smooth. Add eggs. Add yeast softened in lukewarm water. Mix thoroughly. Stir in the rest of flour to make a very thick batter. Beat $1\frac{1}{2}$ minutes or until smooth. Cover and let rise in warm place until double. Stir down; add candied cherries. Mix well. Drop batter by teaspoonfuls, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch apart on greased baking sheet, into shape of triangle 8 inches tall with a 6-inch base. Start at top with 1 teaspoonful, second row drop 2 spoonfuls, next 3 spoonfuls, then 4 spoonfuls. Make a row of 5 and last row of 6 spoonfuls as shown in picture. Use 1 spoonful to shape trunk of tree. Let rise until double. Bake in moderate oven (375°) 20 to 25 minutes. When slightly cool, *drizzle* with confectioners' sugar frosting (see below) and *decorate* with confectioners' sugar frosting in a pastry tube. Top with candied-cherry slices and little silver cake decorations. Makes 3 trees.

Cinnamon-roll Tree

Cinnamon rolls—dressed up for the holidays—

Use $\frac{1}{4}$ recipe Basic Sweet Dough for each tree. Roll on lightly floured surface to rectangle 13x5x $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Brush with melted butter or fortified margarine. Sprinkle with $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sugar mixed with 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Roll as for

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Cowboy Jim isn't riding today!

IF YOUR "COWBOY" HAS TROUBLE KEEPING UP WITH THE OTHERS PERHAPS ALL HE NEEDS IS A SIMPLE HELP LIKE THIS

If your young "buckaroo" slows up before his pals, it may be due to faulty nutrition.

Many children who are thought to be "well-fed" may in fact be "subclinically undernourished" – not really sick but not quite well. They may get lots of food but not always enough of the *right kind*. Such children obviously need special care in the selection of the foods they eat.

A mother should remember that a child needs, proportionately, 2 to 3 times as much of certain food elements as an adult. These food elements include protein, calcium, iron, vitamins B_1, C, niacin and riboflavin. These may be called the "spark plugs" of robust health. A child needs lots of them. A lack of one or more *can* cause a slump. And – please note this – they are the very ones in which meals are most apt to be deficient.

In *theory* – one can provide an adequate family diet by serving a wide variety of carefully selected foods and thereby obtain all the essential elements. And this every mother should strive to do.

In *practice*, however – this often is hard to do, because of the many problems of food buying, seasonal shortages, storing and cooking, and the wide differences in individual tastes and requirements within the family. And so, today – busy, intelligent mothers employ a sound and simple method in approaching this problem. They use a *supplementary food* like Ovaltine.

Ovaltine is a rich supplementary food that fills in the gaps, the chinks, and the loopholes that may occur in otherwise "good" meals. Ovaltine, mixed with milk, contains practically all the vitamins and minerals necessary to bring such meals up to the full requirements of a growing child. It also provides an extra supplement of high quality proteins.

So why don't you join the host of other mothers in this health promoting program through better nutrition. Give 2 to 3 glasses of Ovaltine daily in addition to regular meals. Then you can be sure *you* have taken a logical step toward insuring proper nutrition for your child.

NOTE: *Ovaltine has a remarkable appeal to children as a hot drink at breakfast. So start the day right with a bracing hot drink every morning.*

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VITAMIN G (Riboflavin) – essential to normal growth – and health of eyes and skin.

OVALTINE

THE PROTECTING SUPPLEMENTARY FOOD-DRINK

Fresh-baked

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jelly roll and cut into 17 ¾-inch slices. Arrange, cut side down, on greased baking sheet in form of a tree—8 inches tall and 6 inches at base. (Follow the picture.) Place 1 slice for top; just below this, and overlapping slightly, place 2 slices; then a row of 3 slices; 4 slices, 5 slices. Use the 2 end pieces for the trunk. Cover. Let rise until double. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 25 minutes. While still hot, brush lightly with butter or fortified margarine and sprinkle with granulated sugar.

Toppings for your Christmas breads

For glazing: Mix 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar, 2 tablespoons milk, and a drop of vanilla. Brush lightly over breads and arrange decorations before frosting dries.

For drizzling: Mix 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar, 5 teaspoons milk or orange juice, and a drop of vanilla. Pour in thin stream from lip of small pitcher.

For decorating: Thoroughly cream 2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine. Gradually add 1 cup confectioners' sugar. Mix in 2 teaspoons milk and beat well. Add ½ teaspoon vanilla and a dash of salt. Mix well and put in pastry tube. Decorate breads.

History has been carved in the sandstone of El Morro's Inscription Rock

The best side trip we ever took

Via U. S. 66, the westward stretch between Grants, New Mexico, and Gallup would breeze by in an hour. Instead, we chose to meander south along an eight-hour detour, lured by perpetual ice caves and El Morro National Monument.

Lava beds above the ice caves broiled in 95-degree sunlight. Yet, only 100 feet below the ground, in caverns lighted by this same sun, we slid across a skating-rink floor; touched walls of ice. Desert summers never defrost these natural refrigerators.

Fifteen miles farther on, we discovered man's fondness for leaving his name in public places to be centuries old. Here, at El Morro's Inscription Rock, Southwest history has been carved in soft sandstone. An obliging ranger pointed out petroglyphs left by prehistoric tribes whose ruins top the 200-foot rock. Travelers can visit descendants of these picture-writers at nearby Zuni, largest United States Indian pueblo.

The ranger continued our history lesson by translating Spanish carvings, the earliest bearing witness that "Don Juan de Onate passed by here from the discovery of the Sea of the South (Gulf of California), the 16th of April, 1605." Postdating Spanish records are autographs left by the first American troups and emigrants to enter New Mexico.

The spell of the ranger's voice unfolding history in this vast, lonely country lingered with us all the way to Gallup. Each dust puff hid a band of Indians, conquistadors, or wagoners crossing the grasslands to the pool of clear water which—from their times to ours—has refreshed the traveler at El Morro's base.

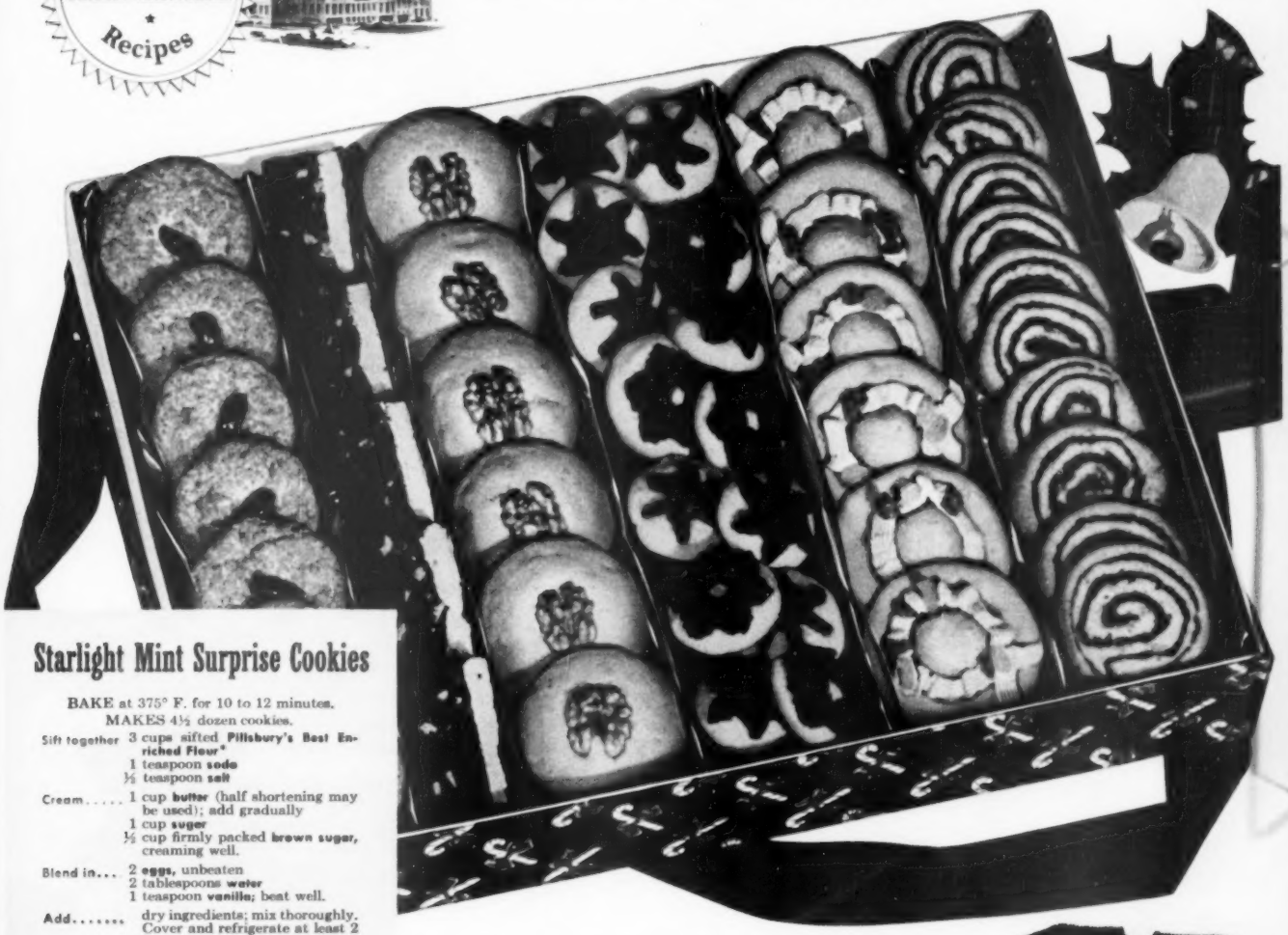
And never were we more than 30 miles off hustling Highway 66.

—Helen M. Heppell
San Diego, California

These six kinds of cookies were chosen especially for the holidays from the most glamorous of all the cookies to come out of the two Pillsbury Grand National Recipe and Baking Contests held in the Waldorf-Astoria.

Bake a Gift for Christmas

There's warm satisfaction in giving a gift that you have made with your own hands. There's satisfaction in receiving such a gift. This year, wouldn't you like to bake these prize-winning holiday cookies and take this very personal way of saying "Merry Christmas" to the ones you love!



Starlight Mint Surprise Cookies

BAKE at 375° F. for 10 to 12 minutes.
MAKES 4½ dozen cookies.

Sift together	3 cups sifted **Pillsbury's Best Enriched Flour*** 1 teaspoon **soda** ½ teaspoon **salt**
Cream.....	1 cup **butter** (half shortening may be used); add gradually 1 cup **sugar** ½ cup firmly packed **brown sugar,** creaming well.
Blend in...	2 **eggs,** unbeaten 2 tablespoons **water** 1 teaspoon **vanilla;** beat well.
Add.....	dry ingredients; mix thoroughly. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours.
Open.....	1 package (9 oz.) solid **chocolate mint candy wafers.** Enclose each wafer in about 1 tablespoon of chilled dough.
Place.....	on greased baking sheet about 2 inches apart.
Top.....	each with a **walnut half.**
Bake.....	in moderate oven (375° F.) 10 to 12 minutes.

*If you use Pillsbury's Best Enriched Self-Rising Flour, omit soda and salt.

The colorful Grand National cookies you see in this picture are (from left to right):

★ **Cherry Winks** by Mrs. Ruth Derousseau, Rice Lake, Wis.

★ **Missouri Waltz Brownies** by Mrs. Natalie Townes, Kirksville, Mo.

★ **Starlight Mint Surprise Cookies** by Miss Laura Rott, Naperville, Ill.

★ **Cameo Tea Cookies** by Miss Esther Potenberg, Pasadena, Calif.

★ **Mad Hatter Cookies** by Frances Chunko, Washington, Pa.

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Give a glamorous pudding for Christmas

Bake a Christmas pudding in bright red-and-white bowls; wrap them to make gay gifts for your friends or neighbors down the street. Jot directions for the hot Orange Sauce on the greeting card. You'll find the recipes on page 193. And here's how to make your pudding the glamour gift of the whole neighborhood:

1 Decorate baked puddings with bright marzipan candy: Miniature oranges, pear, peach. Stick them on with a dab of frosting or corn syrup. The pudding baked in red-and-white bowls that will be used long after Christmas

2 Cover with white muslin. Part of an old, snowy white sheet's what we used. Cut or tear off a square about four times the width of bowl. Center piece of muslin over the bowl and tie snugly with string just below the rim. Lift corners to the center

Photographs: Photography, Inc.

3 Tie muslin above bowl with string. To make the gay pompon, wind red and white yarn around your fingers. Tie it in the middle, cut ends, and fasten it onto the string. Then fluff yarn into a ball

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Watch your family and friends reach for cookies studded with *Diamond* Walnuts. They know what's best – and they can't resist the goodness of golden walnut kernels. As proof, here are 3 different recipes – each one a winner, thanks to crisp, sweet *Diamond* Walnuts!

WALNUT SURPRISE SQUARES

Stir together 1 egg, 1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed, and 1 tsp. vanilla. Add ½ cup sifted flour mixed with ¾ tsp. each salt and soda. Add 1 cup coarsely chopped *Diamond* Walnuts – keep the pieces fairly big; their crispness contrasts so temptingly with the chewy texture of this cooky. Spread in buttered 8-in. square pan. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 18 to 20 min. (Cookies should be soft when taken from oven.) Leave in pan; cut in squares as needed.

Shell a pound of *Diamond* Walnuts and measure what you get. With the 2 full cups of kernels they give, you'll have enough for 4 favorite walnut recipes! *Diamond* Walnuts always give you more fresh, usable kernels per pound!

DIAMOND WALNUT CLUSTERS

- ⅓ cup soft butter or margarine
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 ⅓ tsps. vanilla
- 1 ½ sqs. unsweetened chocolate, melted
- ½ cup sifted flour
- ¼ tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. salt
- 2 cups coarsely broken *Diamond* Walnuts

Cream butter or margarine and sugar till fluffy. Add egg and vanilla; beat well. Stir in melted chocolate, then flour sifted with baking powder and salt. Now add walnuts – *Diamonds*, definitely, for the rich flavor and crisp crunchiness that *makes* these cookies! Drop by teaspoonfuls on greased baking sheet. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 10 min., not longer (they should be soft when taken from oven). Cool on rack. Makes 30.

Prize of your kitchen cupboard – *Diamond* vacuum-packed shelled Walnuts! In 8- or 4-oz. cans, they're always fresh and sweet – ready for instant use!

WALNUT-ORANGE CRISPS

Start with any favorite refrigerator cooky recipe. Add a tablespoon of grated orange peel and two tablespoons of orange juice – plus plenty of finely chopped *Diamond* Walnuts. (No refrigerator cooky is really complete without *Diamond* Walnuts.) What a delicious new flavor!

Careful shoppers **look for the *Diamond* brand on walnuts, to get full value for their money. Buy *Diamond* Walnuts in bulk or in 1 lb. cellophane bags (red for large size, blue for medium).**

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candles send up their tiny flames. One by one, the nut goodies disappear. It's all so *good*, Christmas! It's Dad's look of pride as he views his family circle, Mother's happy sigh when the feast is finally on the table—and it's those wonderful, shiny eyes of the kids.

Time for dessert: The centerpiece. A big Mincemeat Pie, holly-trimmed and aflame with red candles. Plump Santas hold it up and wink a warning to "leave room for *this*."

The table's cleared, the steaming coffee appears. Mother cuts each a flaky, fruity wedge of Christmas pie.

And Christmas dinner's over. But not *the family memory*.

Recipes: Christmas dinner

Christmas Cocktail

Cool, juicy fruit teases the appetite for the big dinner—

Combine chilled canned fruit cocktail (or fruits for salad), balls of avocado, red maraschino cherries. Sweeten the fruit syrup with a little honey. To make the red ice for the crystal liners: Freeze water

[*Turn to next page*

Timetable for Baked Ham

Set oven at 325°. Times are for chilled hams taken right from refrigerator—

Uncooked (Cook-before-eating type)	Minutes per pound	Approximate total time*
Half ham, 6-8 pounds 8-pound, for example	25	3 hrs.
10-12-pound ham 10-pound, for example	18-20	3½ hrs.
12-14-pound ham 12-pound, for example	16-18	3¼ hrs.
14-16 and over	14-16	3¼ hrs.
Boned, rolled Half ham 8-pound, for example	25	3 hrs.
Whole ham 10-pound, for example	18-20	3½ hrs.

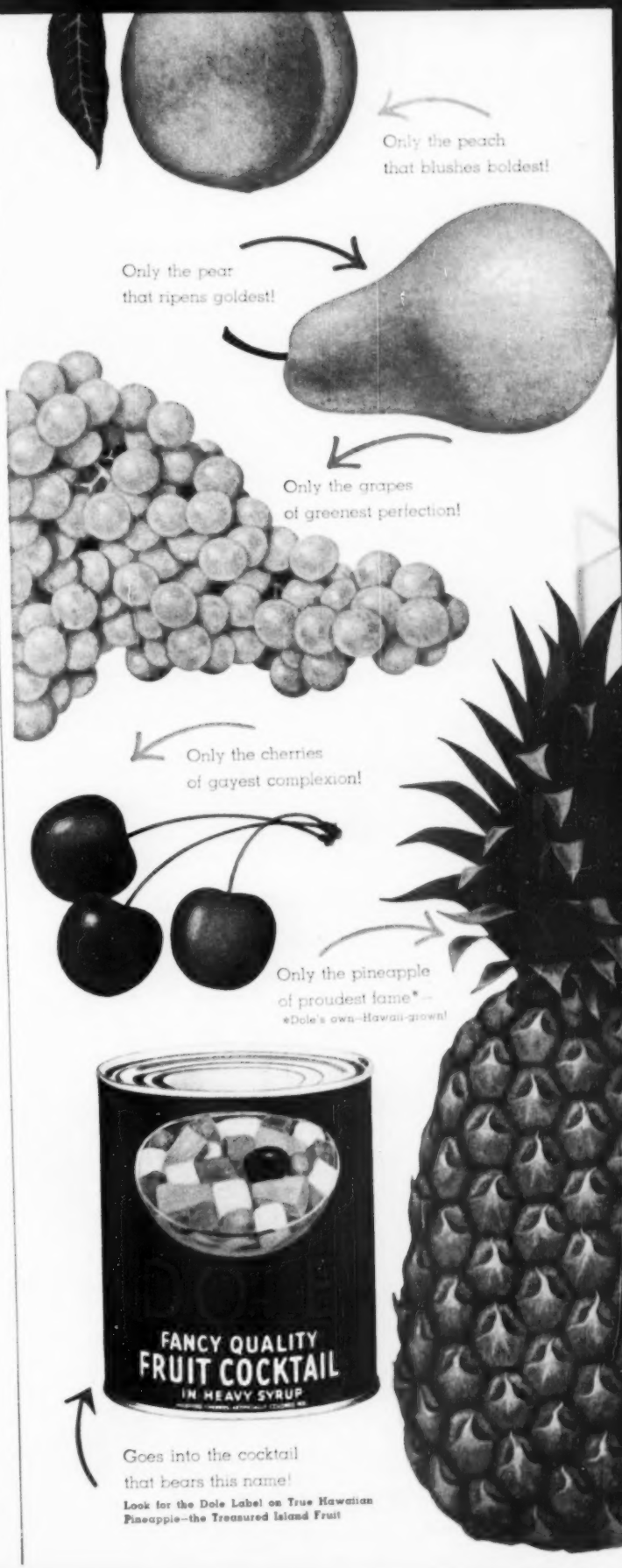
Cooked (Ready-to-eat type)

Half ham, 6-8 pounds 8-pound, for example	15-17	2 hrs.
Whole ham, 12-14 pounds 12-pound, for example	12-15	3 hrs.
Boned, rolled Half ham 8-pound, for example	15-17	2 hrs.
Whole ham 12-14 pounds, for example	12-15	3 hrs.

Canned hams

6¼ pounds	20	2¼ hrs.
10-12 pounds	15	2½-3 hrs.

*If a thermometer is used to tell when ham is done:
Cook-before-eating type is cooked to an internal temperature of 155°.
Ready-to-eat type is heated to an internal temperature of 120°.



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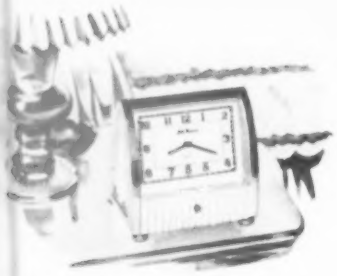

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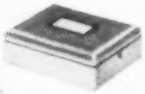

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tinted with red food coloring; or freeze cherry-flavored summer-drink powder dissolved according to package directions. Crush the red ice fine to fill liners shown on page 73.

Glaze for Baked Ham

- ½ cup honey
- 1 cup brown sugar
- ½ cup orange juice

The last 20 minutes of baking, score ham fat. Use kitchen string to guide you in even scoring. (Stretch lengths of string across ham in parallel lines; fasten at each end with toothpicks.) Avoid making scores too deep. It's a good idea to pour fat drippings from pan before pouring glaze over ham. Then when you baste with glaze in pan, it won't be diluted. Combine honey, brown sugar, and orange juice. Pour over ham. See page 101 for directions for baking ham.

Orange Candied Yams

Fresh orange slices, brown sugar, a generous hand with the butter make them holiday-delicious.

- 6 medium yams or sweet potatoes
- ½ cup boiling water
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 3 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- ½ tablespoon grated orange peel
- ¼ cup light or dark corn syrup
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- Orange slices

Pare and halve yams. Add boiling water and salt. Simmer in covered skillet until tender, about 15 minutes. Drain off liquid, leaving ¼ cup in skillet. Dot potatoes with butter. Combine remaining ingredients. Pour over potatoes. Cook uncovered over low heat until glazed, about 15 minutes. Baste frequently; turn potatoes once. Serves 6.

Cranberry Salad

Christmas red and Christmas good with cranberries, pineapple, orange, celery, nuts!

- 1 package cherry-flavored gelatine
- 1 cup hot water
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 cup pineapple syrup
- 1 cup ground raw cranberries
- 1 orange, ground
- 1 cup drained crushed pineapple
- 1 cup chopped celery
- ½ cup chopped California walnuts

Dissolve gelatine in hot water. Add sugar, lemon juice, and pineapple syrup. Stir to dissolve. Chill until partially set. Add remaining ingredients. Chill in oiled shallow pan or individual molds until firm. Unmold on lettuce; pass mayonnaise. Serves 8.

Mincemeat Pie

Look on page 73. It's so beautiful, it's the centerpiece for your Christmas dinner table.

- 1 1-pound can (1⅔ cups) mincemeat
- 2 cups thinly sliced apples
- ½ teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 recipe Plain Pastry

Combine mincemeat, apples, lemon peel and juice; heat thoroughly. Pour into 9-inch pastry-lined piepan; adjust top crust. Sprinkle with a small amount of sugar. Bake in moderately hot oven (400°) 35 minutes. See picture on page 73. Before baking, cut hole in center of top crust with little star cooky cutter. Make slits where candles will be inserted at serving time. When it's time for the pie to go to the table, slip in the red candles and holly leaves. You could wrap base of each candle with a bit of aluminum foil.

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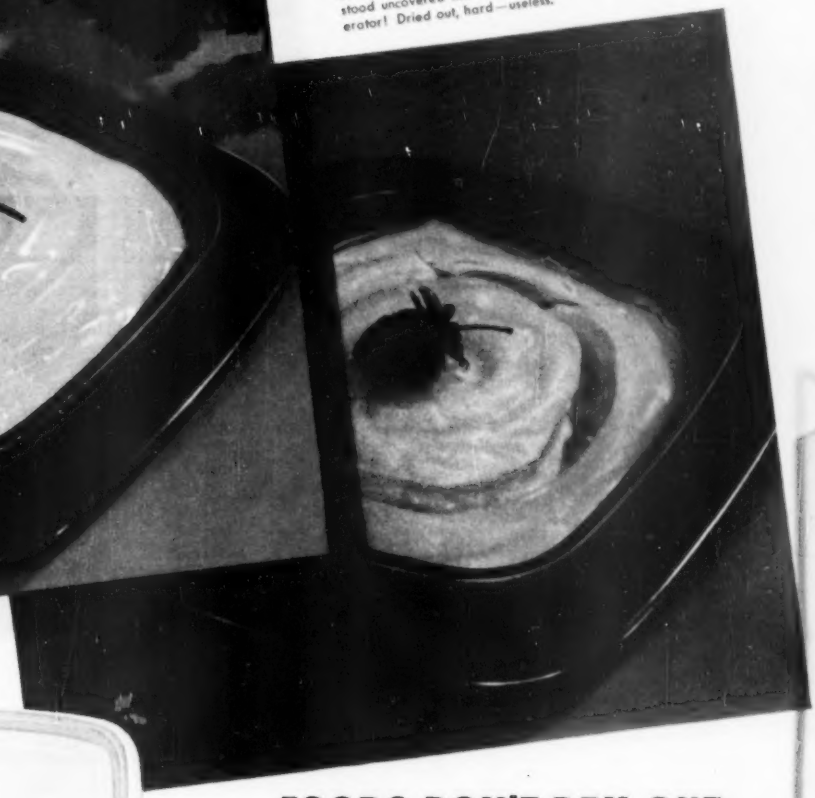

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Tossed Green Salad French Dressing

Combine 1 teasp. salt, 1 teasp. French's Paprika, ¼ teasp. French's Black Pepper, 1 teasp. Colman's Dry Mustard and ½ teasp. sugar in jar or bottle. Add 1 cup salad or olive oil and ⅓ cup vinegar. Add ¼ teasp. French's Garlic Powder if desired. Cover tightly, store in refrigerator. Shake vigorously before serving.

Yield: 1⅓ cups.

Hermits

Mix and sift 1½ cups flour, 2 teasps. baking powder, ½ teasp. salt, ½ teasp. French's Cloves, 1 teasp. French's Cinnamon, 1 teasp. French's Allspice. Cream ½ cup shortening and 1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed, until light and fluffy. Add 1 egg, well beaten, and 1 teasp. French's Vanilla. Add 1 cup seedless raisins, 1 cup chopped nutmeats; mix well. Add dry ingredients alternately with ¼ cup milk. Chill. Drop by teaspoons 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 12 to 15 min. Yield: 4½ dozen cookies.

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Turkey Turkey Pie. Chunks of tender turkey in rich gravy, little onions and mushrooms, chopped celery — all bubble and bake under a flaky pastry topping. And the pie stays so good and hot till the last plateful is served

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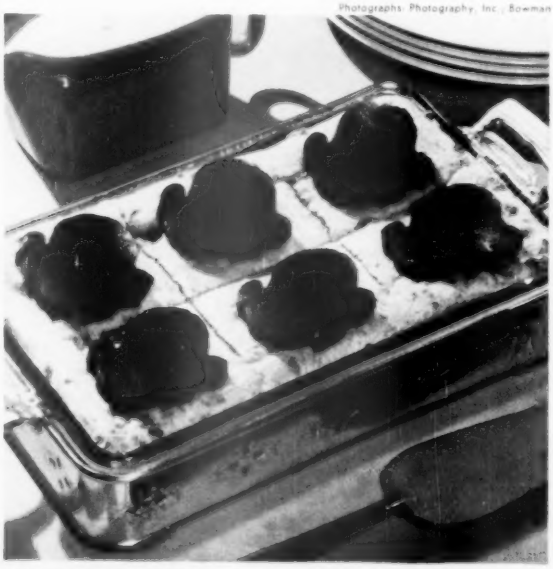

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delicious ways

By Doris Adams

Lots of turkey left after the big feast? Serve it so deliciously they'll just gobble it up

Party Salad. These little casseroles really send the girls home talking about your delicious food! ***Hot turkey salad.*** You put bakers in the oven just 10 minutes — till salad's heated through, the cheese melted, and the potato chips crisp. Celery and toasted almonds stay crunchy

Turkey Loaf. Even if there's just 1 cup of turkey left, you can fix a big dinner. Mix tender turkey pieces with hot spaghetti, bits of bright green pepper, red pimiento, milk and eggs, bread crumbs. Bake and cut into squares. Top each square with a cranberry-sauce gobbler. For the hot, creamy sauce, heat mushroom soup with a little milk

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It's got that
French's flavor

Company Ham

Wrap a tender smoked ham loosely in wrapping paper, place fat side up on rack in uncovered roaster. Add no water. Bake ham in moderate oven (325° F.), allowing 3½ to 4 hours for 10- to 12-lb. ham.

After baking ham, remove the paper and skin. Score fat surface in squares. Spread ham liberally with French's Prepared Mustard. Cover the surface with 1 cup of brown sugar mixed with 2 tablespoons of flour. Stud the squares with whole cloves. Bake in a moderately hot oven of 400° F. for 15 minutes or until ham is golden brown in color. Serve with pineapple slices browned in ham liquor.

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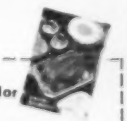

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Fix Mr. Turkey these delicious ways

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Crusty Croquettes. With 2 cups diced turkey, you can make a whole platterful of piping-hot croquettes. Garnish with tart jellied cranberry sauce

Holiday Chowder. One final treat's in store for you: a big tureen of steaming turkey chowder. Slow-simmer the very last of Mr. Turkey with butter-browned onion and a little rice. Stir in rich, creamy milk. Serve *so hot* in a *hot* tureen. Pass a basket of crisp, salty crackers, toasty warm from the oven

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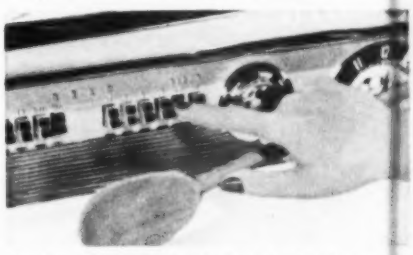

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Fix Mr. Turkey these delicious ways

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Turkey Turkey Pie

- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped celery
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cup tiny whole onions
- 2 cups turkey stock or 2 cups hot water and 2 chicken bouillon cubes
- $1\frac{1}{4}$ cup enriched flour
- 1 3-ounce can sliced, broiled mushrooms
- 3 cups chopped cooked turkey
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons chopped parsley
- Salt and pepper

Cook celery and onions in small amount of boiling, salted water; drain. Heat $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups stock to boiling. Blend flour with remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ cup *cool* stock; stir into hot stock. Cook until thick and smooth, stirring constantly. Add remaining ingredients. Season to taste. Pour into $1\frac{1}{2}$-quart casserole. Top with **Pastry:** Sift together $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups enriched flour and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt. Cut in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening. Add 4 to 5 tablespoons cold water and stir until flour particles are just moistened and dough holds together. Roll crust to fit casserole, with an extra inch all around. Make a cutout in center with star cutter. Adjust pastry and fold dough under to fit inside the rim. Flute edges. Brush pastry with slightly beaten egg. Bake pie in hot oven (425°) about 30 minutes. Serve hot. Serves 6 to 8. Garnish with tiny sprigs of parsley.

Party Salad

- 2 cups cubed cooked turkey or chicken
- 2 cups sliced celery
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped, toasted almonds
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons grated onion
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup grated American cheese
- 1 cup crushed potato chips

Combine ingredients except cheese and potato chips. Toss lightly. Pile lightly into individual bakers or custard cups. Sprinkle with grated cheese and potato chips. Bake in hot oven (450°) 10 minutes. Serves 5 to 6. Garnish each baker with a sprig of parsley.

Turkey Loaf With Mushroom Sauce

- 1 cup broken spaghetti
- 1 cup diced cooked turkey
- 1 cup dry bread crumbs
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups warm milk
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup melted butter or fortified margarine
- 1 cup grated American cheese
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped green pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped pimento
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 slightly beaten eggs

Cook spaghetti in boiling, salted water. Drain; rinse with hot water. Drain again; add remaining ingredients. Bake in greased 10x6x $1\frac{1}{2}$-inch baking dish in a moderate oven (325°) 1 hour. Serve with **Mushroom Sauce:** Stir $\frac{1}{4}$ cup milk into one $10\frac{1}{2}$- or 11-ounce can condensed cream of mushroom soup. Heat. Serves 6. Garnish with canned cranberry sauce gobblers.

Crusty Turkey Croquettes

- 2 cups diced cooked turkey
- Salt to taste
- $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon paprika
- Dash of celery salt
- 1 tablespoon minced parsley
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon grated onion
- 1 cup Thick White Sauce
- 2 cups crushed corn flakes
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 tablespoon water

Combine turkey, seasonings, parsley, lemon juice, onion, and white sauce; mix well. Spread on plate. Chill 5 to 6 hours or overnight. Shape as desired. Dip into crumbs, then into egg mixed with water, and again into crumbs. Fry in deep fat (365°) until brown, about 4 minutes. Drain on absorbent paper. Makes 12 croquettes. **Thick White Sauce:** Melt 3 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine. Add 4 tablespoons enriched flour; blend. Gradually add 1 cup milk. Cook over low heat until thick, stirring constantly. Add $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt.

Turkey Chowder

- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 4 cups boiling water
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup rice
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon pepper
- Turkey carcass, cut in pieces
- 3 cups milk

Cook onion in butter until golden. Add boiling water, rice, seasonings, and turkey carcass. Cover. Heat to boiling. Simmer 30 minutes, or until rice is tender. Remove bones. Scrape off meat and add to soup. Add milk and heat. Serve hot. Serves 6.

How to store leftover turkey

In refrigerator. First, take out the stuffing and put it in a covered bowl. Wrap the whole turkey in waxed paper if you've carved only one side. Otherwise trim meat from bones and cover it well. Crack bones, wrap in waxed paper, and put them in the refrigerator, too.

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It's a small world

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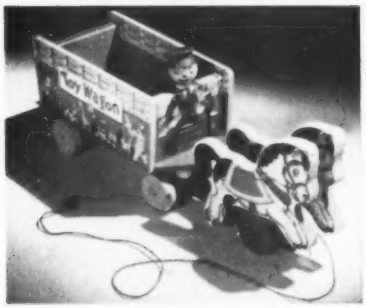

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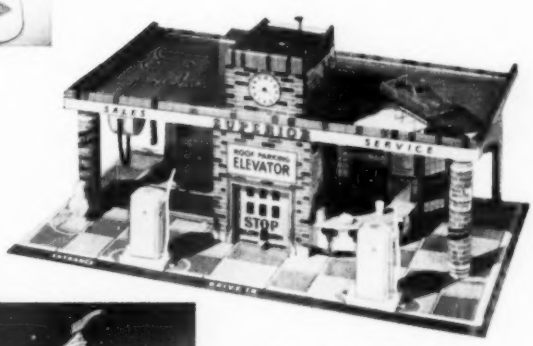

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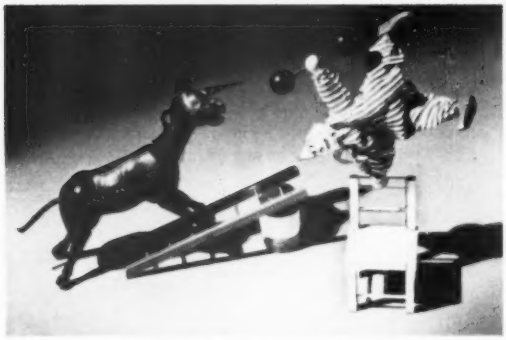

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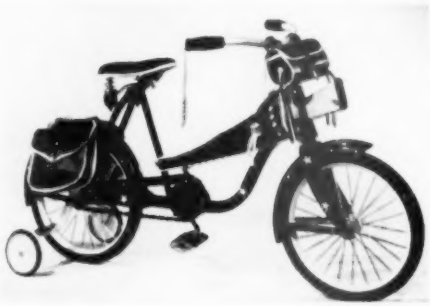

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When you invite folks in

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Turkey a la King

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1 cup sliced mushrooms	Salt and pepper
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped green pepper	1 beaten egg yolk
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter	$2\frac{1}{2}$ cups diced, cooked turkey
3 tablespoons enriched flour	2 tablespoons finely cut pimento
2 cups milk	

Lightly brown mushrooms and green pepper in butter; add flour and blend; add milk and seasonings; cook until thick, stirring constantly. Stir some of hot mixture into egg yolk and add to remaining hot mixture; continue cooking 10 minutes. Add turkey and pimento. Serve on crisp, hot waffles. Serves 6. See picture on page 74—the wreath atop the a la king is chopped parsley.

Holiday Waffles

$1\frac{3}{4}$ cups enriched flour	$1\frac{1}{4}$ cups milk
$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup melted shortening or salad oil
3 teaspoons baking powder	2 stiff-beaten egg whites
2 beaten egg yolks	

Sift dry ingredients. Combine egg yolks, milk, and shortening; stir into dry ingredients. Fold in egg whites. Bake in hot waffle baker. When steam no longer appears, waffle is done. Don't raise cover during baking. Makes 8 waffles. For excellent waffles that save you time, use packaged mix.

Mincemeat Tarts

Tiny flaky-crusted pies the size of plump cookies. Finger food for the buffet supper—

1 9-ounce package mincemeat	2 teaspoons grated orange peel
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup lemon juice	1 tablespoon sugar
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup orange juice	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped maraschino cherries
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped California walnuts

Break mincemeat into pieces; add lemon and orange juice and peel, and sugar. Heat and stir till lumps are broken. Simmer 1 minute. Cool; add remaining ingredients. Cut 3-inch rounds of Plain Pastry. Top one round with 1 tablespoon mincemeat; moisten edge of pastry; top with another 3-inch round. Seal edges. Bake in hot oven (400°) 5 minutes. Makes 12 tarts. You'll have filling left over for additional tarts, a cake filling, or a gingerbread topping.

Plain Pastry: Sift together 2 cups enriched flour and 1 teaspoon salt. Cut in $\frac{2}{3}$ cup shortening with pastry-blender, until the pieces are the size of small peas. Add 5 to 6 tablespoons cold water, by the *teaspoonful*, tossing with a fork until all the flour-coated bits of fat are barely dampened. Roll $\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick on lightly floured surface.

Santa Claus Sandwiches

Gay as Christmas and easy to make—

For each "sandwich" put one marshmallow between two apricots. Top with half a candied cherry. If apricots aren't soft, steam or cook them briefly in small amount of water.

Hot Pineapple Punch

Such a simple, quick punch to make. The flavor combination is delectable—

4 cups unsweetened pineapple juice	1 cup orange juice
1 cup apricot nectar	$\frac{3}{4}$ cup brown sugar
2 cups cider	3 cardamom seeds
	6 whole cloves
	1 stick cinnamon

Combine ingredients. Heat to boiling; simmer 8 to 10 minutes. Serve hot in mugs. Makes 2 quarts. Cut thin orange slices; stick half a toothpick underneath to set them afloat. Top with sprig of holly.

Candied Orange Peel

A sugar-frosted treat to make for holiday nibbling—

3 oranges	4 cups water
1 tablespoon salt	2 cups sugar
	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup water

Scrape pulp from peel of oranges. (You will get neater petals if oranges are cut in half lengthwise.) Cover peel with 1 tablespoon salt in 4 cups water. Weight with a plate to keep peel under water; let stand overnight. Drain and wash thoroughly. Now cover with cold water; heat to boiling. Drain. Repeat this three times. This helps take away bitter taste of peel. With kitchen scissors, cut into petal-shaped strips. Put 2 cups peel into a saucepan; add sugar and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water. Stir till sugar dissolves. Cook slowly till peel is translucent, about 30 minutes. Drain; roll in granulated sugar.

Cherry Logs

Bright with candied cherries, crunchy with pecans. Extra-special Christmas macaroons—

1 egg white	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped pecans
$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt	2 tablespoons coconut
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar	$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon lemon extract
1 cup corn flakes	
1 cup chopped candied cherries	

Beat egg white and salt until very stiff. Add sugar gradually, beating after each addition. Fold in corn flakes that are mixed with cherries, pecans, coconut, and extract. Divide into 12 portions and with wet fingers shape in bars. Bake on well-greased cooky sheet in moderate oven (350°) 30 minutes. Makes 1 dozen cookies.

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Tomato Aspic Salad

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- 2 tablespoons (2 envelopes) unflavored gelatine
- ¼ cup cold water
- 4 cups tomato juice
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 small onion, thinly sliced
- Few celery leaves
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 4 whole cloves
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice or vinegar

Soften gelatine in cold water. Combine tomato juice with seasonings. Heat to boiling. Simmer 10 minutes. Strain. Add softened gelatine; stir until gelatine dissolves. Add lemon juice. Pour into oiled individual molds. Chill until firm. Unmold. Garnish top of each with sprig of parsley. Serves 8 to 10.

Creamed Onions

Tender and whole, smothered in butter and cream—

- 1½ pounds onions (about 8)
- ½ cup light cream
- 1 tablespoon butter
- Salt and pepper

Cook onions in boiling, salted water till nearly tender, about 30 minutes. Drain. Add cream and heat thoroughly over *low* heat. Season to taste with butter, salt, and pepper. Serves 4. Garnish with tiny stars cut from red pimiento.

Foamy Sauce

Serve the Treasure Puddings on page 193 with this fluffy sauce—

- 3 egg yolks
- ¾ cup confectioners' sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Beat egg yolks, sugar, vanilla, and salt thoroughly. Fold in cream. Chill thoroughly. Serve over little puddings. Top each with a big red maraschino cherry on the stem.

Christmas Porridge

Traditional, delicious Norse breakfast cereal served on Christmas morning—

- 2 cups milk
- ¾ cup evaporated milk
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- ¼ cup farina
- ¼ teaspoon finely crushed cardamom seeds
- ½ cup currants

Heat milk and evaporated milk to scalding, over hot water. Add salt, sugar, and farina. Cover; cook 30 to 40 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add cardamom seeds and currants. Continue cooking 30 to 45 minutes. Serve in big bowls. Top with a pat of butter; sprinkle with brown sugar and cinnamon. Serve with cream. Serves 4.

Cocktail Sauce

Serve it with shrimp and watch both disappear!—

- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ½ cup catsup
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons well-drained horse-radish
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- ½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 or 3 drops Tabasco sauce

Combine ingredients and chill thoroughly. Serve as a dip for shrimp.

Water-cress Sandwiches

Little sandwich rolls with cheese and nippy water-cress filling—

Combine coarsely chopped water cress with cream cheese or pimiento cheese softened with a little mayonnaise. Spread on thin bread slices, crusts removed, and top with a sprig of water cress. Roll.

Kris Kringle Stack-ups

Meaty, easy-to-eat tidbits—

Alternate 2 slices of pickle-and-pimiento loaf with 2 of American cheese. Spread cream cheese between. Cut in squares. Serve on cocktail picks.

Cheese and Bacon Sandwiches

A hearty snack for midnight appetites—

- ½ pound bacon
- ¼ pound sharp American cheese
- ½ small onion
- 1 tablespoon chopped green pepper, if desired

Grind bacon, cheese, and onion. Add green pepper; mix well. Toast bread on one side; spread other side with cheese and bacon mix. Broil *slowly* till cheese is bubbly and bacon cooked. Takes 5 to 8 minutes. Makes 9 open-faced sandwiches.

[*Turn to page 140*

Turkey timetable

Ready-to-cook weight	Dressed or stuffed weight	Oven temp.	Time
Pounds	Pounds		Hours
5-7	8-10	325°	3-3½
7-10	10-14	325°	3½-4
10-14	14-18	300°	4-4½
16	20	300°	5-6

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How to make the candy cottage

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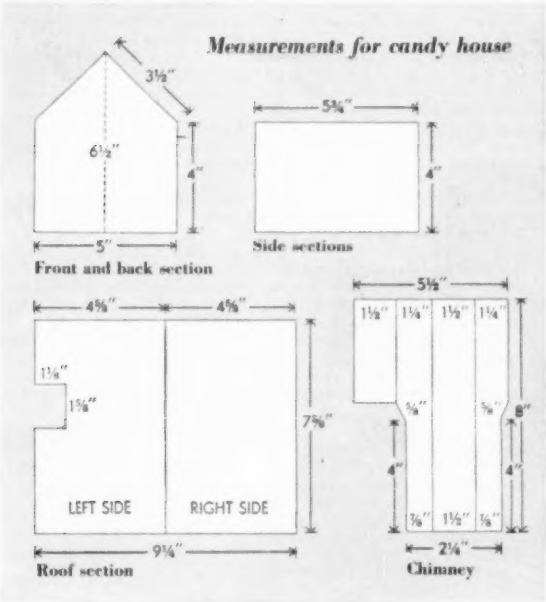

By Mrs. Leslie Monroe Parker

Materials you'll need

- 1 15x23-inch piece white cardboard
- 30 packages flat, square-shaped candy-coated chewing gum
- 4 packages white candy mint rings for roof
- 40 small green jujubes for door and sills
- 1 small red jujube for door
- 1 package dot candies or cake decorettes
- 1 package shelled Virginia peanuts
- 24 green candy spearmint leaves for bushes
- 12 small red gumdrops for along the top of the roof
- 6 green chocolate-filled straws for shutters
- 3 black-walnut chips for windows
- 1 starlight mint for chimney decoration
- 1 lime jelly slice for doormat
- 1 large jelly ring for wreath
- 5 candy trees
- 1 candy or candle snowman
- 1 toy or candy dog
- Plastic picket fence

Carefully draw the house on heavy white cardboard or illustration board, following diagram given above. Cut out with a razor blade or sharp knife exactly on the lines.

Use 1-inch-wide adhesive tape to put together all seams of the house. Tape on the outside, for you will put candies over it. Be sure you fit all parts closely together. Bind all edges of roof with tape. For a good finish, lay roof section flat and tape extra strips on underneath edge at each side or roof.

Cut tight-fitting cardboard reinforcements for the inside of the chimney and house. Make them crisscross, touching all sides. Tape in place.

Next make a sugar glue for sticking candy pieces on the house. Use confectioners' sugar, water, and egg white. Because weather conditions vary, the amounts you use will not always be the same. Start by putting 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar in a jar or bowl. Add 1 teaspoon water at a time until you can cream it into a big ball. Add 1 teaspoon unbeaten egg white. Cream thoroughly until smooth but not runny. It should be of good spreading consistency. Add a few drops of water or egg white as needed. If your glue does not hold the candy well, add more sugar. When not using the sugar glue, cover and store in the refrigerator.

Back. Starting at the back of the house, spread sugar glue on a small area at a time. Lay *candy-coated chewing gums* lengthwise in 3 rows of 7 across the bottom. Press each piece in sugar glue to hold in place. Make 3 rows of 2 on each side. To make the candy window, use 5 *green jujubes* for the sill, a *green chocolate-filled straw* for each shutter; then place a *black-walnut chip* lengthwise for the pane. Add another row of 7 candy gums; for the next 4 rows of gums, trim the end

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ones to fit the slant of the roof. You can cut them easily if you first heat the blade of a large knife and then use a bold stroke. Dry section thoroughly while you work on the chimney.

Chimney. Spread small amount of sugar glue and fit *shelled Virginia peanut halves* closely together in an irregular pattern. Do not apply glue to edges next to house, because the candy gums should be placed on roof first. Add a *starlight mint* to the front section $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches up from the bottom; surround with peanuts. Let each side dry before covering another.

Right side. Glue on 3 rows of 9 *candy-coated chewing gums* placed lengthwise. Then make 3 rows of 5 on right edge; add 3 rows of 1 on left edge. Design a window by using 5 *green jujubes* for sill, 2 *green chocolate-filled straws* for shutters, and a *black-walnut chip* for the pane. Allow to dry.

Roof. Space *white candy mint rings* evenly around underedge of roof. Place 5 up each side; 10 along right edge. On chimney side, use 3 on short space and 4 on long space. Glue securely with clear household cement. Let dry thoroughly.

Hold roof on a slant while applying gums—to keep them from sliding. Coat with sugar glue and cover with *candy gums*. On right side make 8 rows of 11 each. On left side make the 5 top rows 11 each. Add 3 rows of 3 on back edge and 3 rows of 5 on front edge. Allow to dry. Finish chimney with peanut halves.

Front. Begin at bottom left and glue on candy gums in 3 rows of 4; then 3 rows of 1 on each side of window. Make window of 3 *green jujubes*, 2 *green chocolate-filled straws*, 1 *black-walnut chip*. Make door of 27 *green* and 1 *red jujube*. Add 5 rows of 1, 1 row of 3 candy gums on right edge. Next row has 7 candy gums. Make the last 4 rows fit the slant of the roof.

Left. Add candy gums as before. Place 6 rows of 4 in front section and 6 rows of 2 in section behind chimney. Fill in any extra space with sugar glue.

Finishing touches. *Ridgepole:* Add 12 small *red gumdrops* along top of roof. Perch a small bird on end.

Smoke: With clear household cement, glue spun glass to the inside of the chimney but remember to warn the children against handling. If the children help in the making, you may prefer to use shredded clear cellophane.

Trees: Rub ridges of candy trees with sugar glue to give snow effect.

Bushes: Group candy *spearmint leaves* into clusters for bushes. Place at rear corners, on the left side of house, and by the door. Stick together with wooden picks.

Holly wreath: Cut a large *jelly ring* in half. On cut side put clear household cement and cover with *green* and *red dot candies* or *cake decorettes*. Press in place. Dry. Tie on a tiny ribbon. Glue wreath to front of house.

Doormat: Place a *lime jelly slice* in front of the door.

Candles: Dip 3 tiny *red dot candies* in clear household cement and line straight up the middle of window. Top with a yellow dot for the flame. Use tweezers to put them in place.

Dot designs: Dip red and green dot candies or cake decorettes in clear household cement and place alternately between candy gums.

Fence: Purchase a small white plastic fence and glue securely.

Base: Make a base of plastic foam or stiff white cardboard. If you use cardboard, coat with paste and sprinkle with sugar. For a smooth finish, tape edge of cardboard.

Santa's Candy Sleigh

The kids will love its load of little packages and its candy-cane runners—

1 cup sugar	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup water	1 tablespoon butter or fortified margarine
1 teaspoon vinegar	5 cups puffed-rice cereal
2 tablespoons light corn syrup	2 candy canes

Combine sugar, water, vinegar, corn syrup, and salt. Cook to very-hard-ball stage (265°). Remove from heat; add butter. Pour (save a little of the syrup to stick on the candy-cane runners) over puffed-rice cereal. Toss quickly. Turn onto waxed paper laid over a cardboard rectangle $7\frac{1}{2}$x$4\frac{1}{2}$ inches for a guide. Quickly shape rice with greased hands into $7\frac{1}{2}$x$4\frac{1}{2}$-inch rectangle. Hollow out inside and build up back and sides to make sleigh shown in picture, page 78. Brush 2 candy canes generously with the remainder of the cooked syrup (heat it up a little) and place under sleigh for runners. Hold in place until dry. Fill sleigh with tiny packages and a toy Santa. The "snow" in picture, page 78, is rock candy.

Holiday Sugar Cookies

This is the recipe we used for the big Christmas cookies on page 78—

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening	2 cups enriched flour
$\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar	$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
1 egg	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder
$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon soda
$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon grated orange peel	2 to 3 tablespoons milk

Cream thoroughly shortening and sugar. Add egg and beat well. Add vanilla and grated orange peel. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with milk; mix thoroughly. Roll $\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick on lightly floured surface. Cut with floured cooky cutter. Bake in moderate oven (375°) 12 minutes. When

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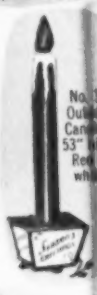

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cool, spread with Snow Glaze Icing and decorate with red cinnamon candies, gumdrops, jelly strings, candy holly, or colored frosting designs. See picture on page 78. Makes $1\frac{1}{2}$ dozen large cookies.

Snow Glaze Icing

Use this icing to make the smooth glaze on the big sugar cookies and the Candlestick and Christmas-tree Cakes before you start decorating them—

Cook 2 cups granulated sugar, $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon cream of tartar, and 1 cup hot water to thin syrup. Candy thermometer will read about 226°. Cool to lukewarm (110°). Add $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla. Add sifted confectioners' sugar till frosting is of consistency to *pour*. It will take about $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups. Glazes 12 big cookies or 10 Candlestick Cakes or 10 Christmas-tree Cakes.

Ornamental Frosting

This is the frosting you use in the pastry tube to make frosting designs—

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter or fortified margarine	$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon cream of tartar
4 cups sifted confectioners' sugar	1 to 2 tablespoons cream
2 egg whites	Few drops food coloring, if desired
1 teaspoon vanilla	

Cream butter into confectioners' sugar with pastry-blender till mixture looks like corn meal. Then add unbeaten egg whites, vanilla, cream of tartar. Beat (the more you beat the better). Add cream. Beat until frosting is of spreading consistency. Beat in food coloring, if desired.

Candlestick Cakes

Flaming candles are made with green and red jelly strings—

Bake a sheet cake 1 inch thick. Bake a 16- or 17-ounce package of cake mix in 12x8x$1\frac{1}{2}$-inch pan; or bake 20-ounce package in 13x9x2-inch pan. Cool; cut into rectangles 3x$1\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Pour Snow Glaze Icing (recipe above) over cakes. Sprinkle sides with tinted coconut. For candles, cut green jelly strings in half lengthwise. Snip off short pieces of a red jelly string for flame.

Christmas-tree Cakes

Make the trees green, the trunks gay Christmas red—

Cut green jelly strings in half lengthwise; snip in half crosswise; bend for branches. See picture page 79. Add a short piece of red jelly string for the trunk.

How to tint coconut

Half-fill small glass jar with coconut. Dilute food coloring, 1 drop to 2 tablespoons water. Sprinkle on coconut. Shake till coconut is evenly tinted. Spread on paper toweling to dry.

Snowballs

Each one has a red candle tucked in the center. Light 'em all up for a grand entrance—

Cut a white sheet cake into 2-inch circles with a biscuit cutter. Put two rounds together with your favorite cake filling or jelly. Let set; cover with Seven-minute Frosting. Roll in shredded coconut. Cut big gumdrops into 4 small strips. Arrange 4 strips petal fashion on top of each cake. Place a tiny red candle in the center.

Popcorn Balls With Candy Canes

Wrap them in shimmery cellophane for your small-fry friends—

Pour Syrup (recipe below) slowly over 6 cups popped corn. Mix well to coat every kernel. Press in balls around the greased handle of a wooden spoon. Use fat on hands if necessary. Remove spoon and insert candy cane. Tie red satin ribbon on each cane as shown in picture on page 79.

Syrup for Popcorn Balls and Trees

1 cup sugar	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup water	1 tablespoon butter or fortified margarine
1 teaspoon vinegar	Popped corn
2 tablespoons light corn syrup	

Combine sugar, water, vinegar, light corn syrup, and salt. Cook to very-hard-ball stage (265°). Add 1 tablespoon butter. Pour over popped corn. Form in balls or trees.

Popcorn Trees

The bright Christmas balls festooning the trees are fat little gumdrops—

Press 4 cups popped corn into triangular cardboard molds placed on waxed paper. Drizzle Syrup (recipe above) over the top. With a wide spatula, quickly turn and drizzle syrup on other side. Cool; gently press wooden stick (from drugstore) into base. Remove popcorn tree from mold. Cool thoroughly. When firm, lay small gumdrops in rows. Spoon warm Syrup over each candy to hold it in place. **To make tree mold:** Cut a cardboard strip $13\frac{1}{4}$ inches long and 2 inches wide. Fold into a triangle with 5-inch sides and a $3\frac{1}{4}$-inch base. Fasten with cellophane tape and tightly wrap cellophane tape around all surfaces of cardboard. Cut a rectangular niche in center of base 1x$3\frac{3}{4}$ inch.

Marshmallow-Nut Puffs

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Here's the secret to fluffy, creamy divinity—

2 cups sugar	Few grains salt
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup corn syrup	2 stiff-beaten egg whites
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup water	1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine sugar, corn syrup, water, and salt. Stir until dissolved. Boil gently to soft-ball stage (240°). Beat 2 egg whites until stiff but not dry. Gradually pour one-third of the syrup over the egg whites, beating constantly. Cook the remaining syrup to light-crack stage (265°).

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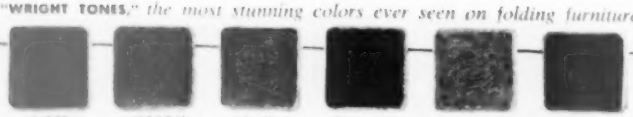

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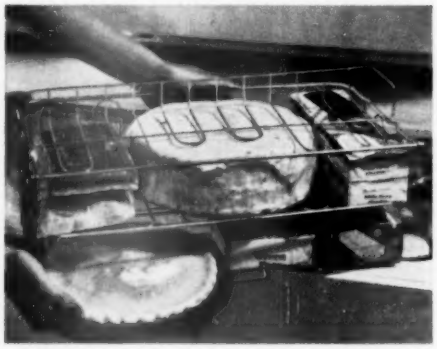

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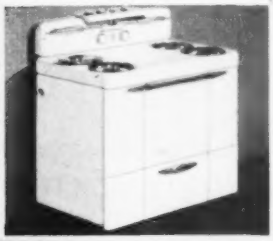

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Electric French fryer is corn popper or chafing dish

Here it's a corn popper, but slip in the wire basket and French-fry. Or trade basket for the rack, and steam pudding or bake potatoes. Omit both for a buffet chafing dish

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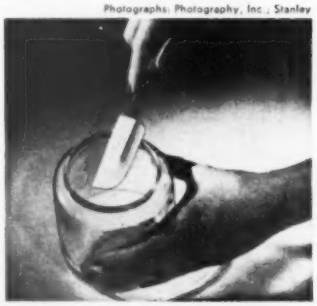
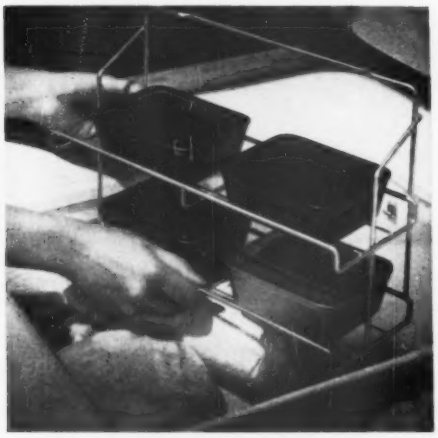
Slim-jim rubber scraper cleans bottles and jars

Narrow, pliable rubber blade fits into small-neck bottles, has a long handle to reach down into tall ones. Scrapes round corners or flat surfaces



Pint-size containers store a frozen meal



Freeze, store, and reheat foods in the same colorful aluminum containers. Rack hangs on hooks on side of freezer, ready to lift out when it's time to get an easy family meal

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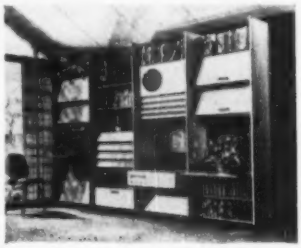

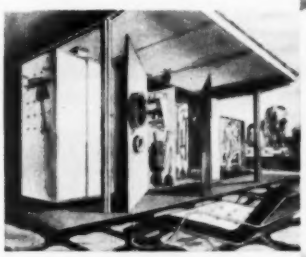

Outdoor storage is a blessing in garage and basement-less homes. This Exterior plywood outdoor storage unit holds garden and patio-equipment . . . serves as windbreak to add pleasant privacy. Design by Robert A. Little and Associates, Cleveland, Ohio.

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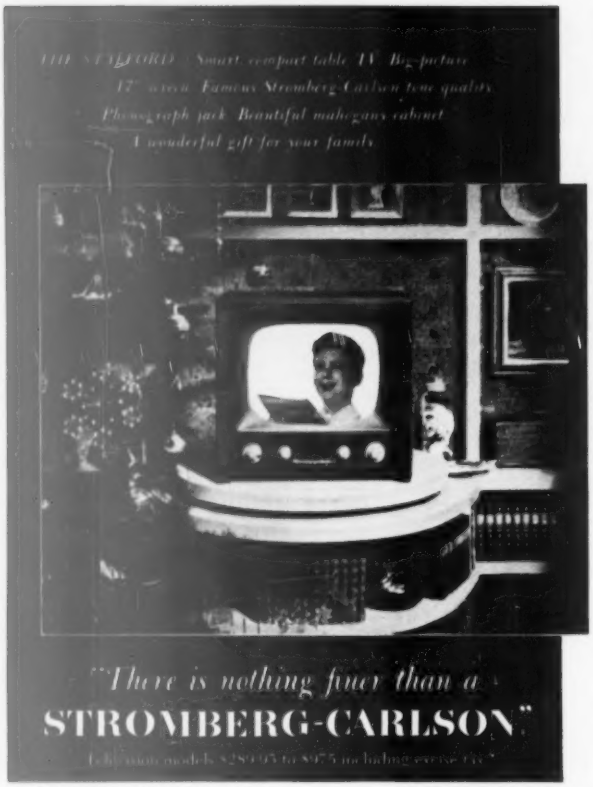

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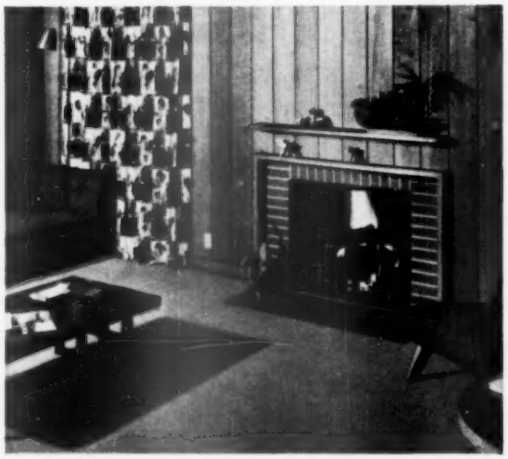
To get rug this size to lie flat, lay it flat on the floor every time you braid one round, so you can rip out any tautness or buckling before it becomes serious. Press finished rug with iron and steam cloth



Fireplace in this new home offers an idea for restyling a middle-aged mantel in an older home. Remove old mantel ledge; cover bricks with wood paneling, leaving one row of bricks around fire opening. (If your fireplace stands out from the wall, you might conceal storage space on either side, to bring the whole wall out flush with the fire opening.)

Simple molding outlines the bricks, and a narrow shelf above becomes the mantel. Accessories are well placed to complement straightforward lines. Owners are Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Schneider, St. Paul

If your favorite accessories are small, you can make them more important by grouping them close together, in order to increase their dramatic value. In her own home, Decorator Ruth Venable has framed a collection of silhouettes in black miniature frames, and arranged them above a mahogany table, to decorate the bedroom hall

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If you like your kitchen mellow, move in your antiques. This kitchen is small, but Mrs. Venable has made the most of a corner by furnishing it with an antique pine table and chairs. Table provides extra work surface; serves, when needed, as breakfast table, kitchen desk.

Copper molds and a pine rack for wooden spoons decorate the wall above. Cloud white organdy curtains, shirred on a round sash rod, blur a poor view without sacrificing light. And there's a comfortable rocker to pull up when neighbors drop by for midmorning coffee

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The built-ins make this kitchen workable

By June P. Wilson

A fifth wall is the key to the smooth efficiency of the kitchen in what once was a large, awkwardly shaped room in the Charles K. Freeman home, Ossing, New York.

The placement of the stove, literally in the center of the room, saves Mrs. Freeman many steps a day. The stove is enclosed with three separate built-in units. This makes the kitchen look "dressier" from the vantage point of the living room, and gives them a breakfast corner besides.

Practically all of what was once wasted space is put to work with built-ins. Mr. Freeman did the work himself and says if he can do it, anybody can. His ideas are adaptable for use in other "hopeless" kitchens.

Built-in breakfast table is placed in front of windows that overlook garden. Table has easy-to-maintain linoleum top like all other counters in the kitchen. The curtain ruffles repeat the pattern of the checked wallpaper

Lighting on all work surfaces adds to efficiency of this kitchen. Shallow drawers were Mrs. Freeman's idea. She says she prefers fewer things in more drawers rather than fumble through big drawers for the utensil she wants. Cutting board by stove is also a quick snack bar or serving ledge. Notice the effective use of wallpaper with pine walls

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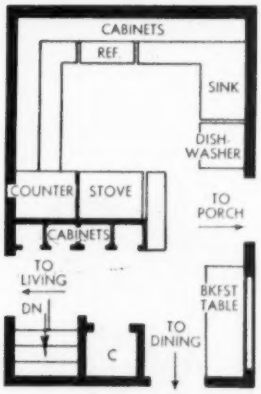

Here's how placing stove in about the center of the room makes this overlarge kitchen more efficient. Built-ins solved the storage problem. Now there's even a separate breakfast nook off the dining room

Fifth wall is gained by building bank of cupboards out into the kitchen. This gives them a better location for stove and improves view from living room

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their highest income year at age 49 to 50. But at your half-century milepost, family expenses are at their highest too, for this period usually includes the children's college years.

When will your expenses hit their peak?

When you marry, you should figure that the cost of family living will go relentlessly onward and upward for about 25 years. Take your children's ages, calculate when they'll be in college, and you can practically name the years when your budget will be hit the hardest. High-school years are the most expensive for families that can't afford college.

When can you ease up?

By the time you reach your silver wedding, financial pressures should be easing. In the typical pattern of family life, children are married and gone from home when their mother is 50. This means your budget will breathe easier. You still have at least a dozen good earning years left, but you can relax your high-pressure drive.

When does a professional man hit his earning peak?

A Boston University survey found that the average lawyer's peak income—$11,000 a year, among those studied—was reached at age 52. Take the typical doctor. Up to age 25, he earns nothing professionally. At age 26, according to U. S. Public Health Service figures, he sees 40 patients a week. His "best years" are 35 to 40 when he takes care of 170 patients a week. At 65 he's still caring for half as many patients as he did in his prime. A professional man starts late as an earner, after expensive training, has his income "bunched" in middle years, usually has no pensions or old-age security other than what he himself provides.

How do population trends affect your family?

The wartime bulge in the birth rate can be projected ahead like a wave of the future, which will break at fairly definite times on many aspects of family living. "War babies" now are crowding grade schools. Between 1955 and 1960, the high-school, teen-age market should be thriving. Colleges will be hit by the wave around 1960, and by 1965 new workers will begin to crowd the labor market—job-getting may be difficult. Around 1962, the wartime generation will be marrying and establishing homes of their own. For about a decade business should be exceptionally good for dealers in home furnishings, cars, clothing, durable goods, insurance, and all the items necessary for equipping independent family units. By 1975, kindergartens will be crowded once more as a secondary wave—the offspring of war-baby parents—hits the schools.

Trace your mood cycle by placing dots in squares below ↓

	1ST WEEK	2ND WEEK	3RD WEEK
Best			
Very good			
Good			
Fair			
Neutral			
Indifferent			
Worried			
Poor			
Terrible			

family's future?

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Where's the best place to make a living?

Growing regions, in general, offer best moneymaking opportunities. Census studies leave no doubt that suburban areas of large cities are growing, often at the expense of city population. Other things being equal, it's safer to buy real estate in a growing small city than the heart of a big city. But there's one curious dead spot; a 20-mile-wide strip, 45 to 65 miles away from a large city. These "silent zones" are hardly growing at all; perhaps they are too close to big cities to avoid competition, too far away to be suburbs.

What professions will offer best opportunities?

A good working principle in guiding your children is that occupations smothered with security may be the most stable but they're also apt to be the least well paid. Occupations involving risk and hazard pay off most handsomely, if not consistently. Many white-collar fields, including some professions, are already overcrowded or becoming so. Engineering, law, pharmacy are examples. But there promises to be a shortage of physicians, dentists, and nurses for many years. Prosperity of architects and the building trades is closely tied in with the 18⅓-year building cycle. Young people who *know* the field they want is overcrowded can profit from the advice of Ewan Clague, commissioner of Labor Statistics. Go as high as you can on the educational ladder, he advises, since those with best training, graduate degrees, and so on, get first call on the pay roll in tight times. But avoid overspecializing. Learn something about related fields, so you can shift jobs or duties if times get tough.

What are tomorrow's best businesses?

You can't be sure, but population studies make certain shrewd predictions possible. Families will probably continue to be small, but there will be relatively *more* families. Hence, family income divided between fewer members leaves more money for goods that are not strictly essential. Grocers probably will hit no bonanza, since there's a limit to the amount an individual can eat each day. But jewelry, automobiles, improved household gadgets, entertainment, and the like can be bought by an individual as long as money holds out.

Your health future

How will you feel a week from Tuesday?

You can come pretty close to telling if you know the duration of your mood cycle—your ups and downs of emotions. Try keeping a record of the way you feel each day, ranging from grand to terrible, and after a few [*Turn to next page*

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months chart your highs and lows to see if you can detect a regular rhythm from high to low. The average mood cycle is about five weeks long, reflecting rhythms in body chemistry. Yours may be different, and if you're even-tempered, the swings won't be violent. When you're low, you may merely worry more, find people more difficult, procrastinate, want to be alone. When you're high, you shrug off annoyances more easily, roll with the day's punches. Tap the comfort of knowing that no matter how black things look today, melancholy can't keep you down forever—you'll feel perkier next Tuesday.

When should you schedule tough jobs?

Fit your mood cycle to the tasks ahead. When you're low, look for flaws in plans and projects, do solitary thinking, use your critical faculties, keep away from strangers who might knock the chip off your shoulder. When you're high, you'll get the most fun from a vacation, from tackling a task you've dreaded. Call on your most ornery customer, go places and do things, have your parties, but don't plunge into ventures rashly conceived at the height of enthusiasm.

When will you get your next cold?

Very possibly on a Monday, a favorite day for colds—but probably not in July, lowest cold-month of the year. Be prepared for a cold in September and October, even more so in January and February, when colds reach their peak. There is another upsurge of colds in April and May. Office workers have more colds than those who are physically active. Women are most susceptible to colds during their menstrual period. You probably will have fewer colds as you grow older, but when you do catch one, it will be more severe.

Do women's emotions get periodically upset?

Generally yes, in tune with the menstrual cycle. Antagonistic hormones set up monthly tides that bring tension to a peak three or four days, possibly a week, before menstruation. Hair-trigger sensitivity at this time may erupt into domestic tiffs over trifles. The family should discount Mother's irritability, and Mother should know that her edginess will vanish abruptly in a few days. An anxiety frequently associated with the premenstrual state is woman's fear that she is getting fat. Gains of 3 or 4 or even more pounds are often noted. It isn't real fat, however, but water held in the tissues by hormone influences. This kind of weight will vanish promptly after menstruation.

When will you reach the "change of life?"

Half of *womankind* arrives at the menopause between 45 and 50; one-fourth between 40 and 45. Of the remaining fourth, some will be under 40, some over 50. And while doctors disagree as to whether *men* actually experience a "male menopause," the symptoms generally associated with it—hot flashes, intense nervousness and irritability, emotional upsets from slight causes, numbing and tingling of extremities, decreased ability to concentrate, forgetfulness, depression, sudden redness of face and neck, fatigability, loss of potency—usually hit a man between 45 and 55.

More useful in personal prediction, as far as women are concerned, is the general truth that the earlier a girl matures, the later is her menopause likely to be. A world study by Dr. Raymond Pearl of Johns Hopkins established average age at first menstruation at slightly under 16 years. But in the stimulating climate of our northern tier of states, average American girls come to maturity at about 13—2 to 3 years ahead of supposedly early-blooming tropic beauties.

What seasons are hardest on your heart?

Cold weather brings more heart attacks. It taxes the circulatory system to the limit, so a little extra strain—snow-shoveling, for instance—makes something let go. January is the peak month for deaths from coronary thrombosis and stroke or apoplexy. August is the kindest month of the year to heart and blood vessels. Be kind to your heart during cold weather, for winter blows on your body's fires like a bellows. You feel energetic, but much of your heat-en-

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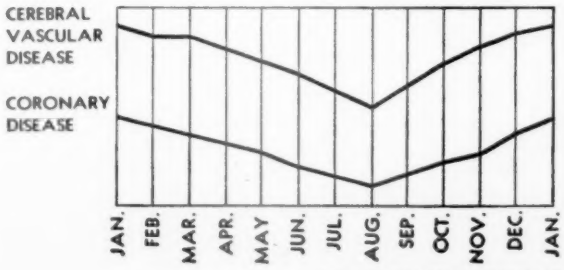
Worst months for your heart



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ergy is wasted. To accomplish the same amount of work, you actually have to spend more energy in winter months like January than you do in August.

Are you worried about the wrong diseases?

Very few diseases are inherited, but susceptibility to certain ailments may be. Among these are diabetes, "atopic" allergies, the severe kind of high blood pressure, and probably rheumatic fever. If the family lines of your mother and father were free from these diseases, quit worrying about them—they could strike you but are extremely unlikely to. You can predict that your children are not liable to these ailments if they have never appeared in the blood lines of yourself and your wife. What if there is a disease history in one or both sides of your family? You can watch for symptoms and use preventive measures with your doctor's help. Other disease tendencies will doubtless be added to the list as science learns more about heredity. The laws of heredity cannot be stated arbitrarily, but the way in which allergic tendencies are passed on gives a useful tool in disease prediction: If one parent is allergic, the other entirely free, half their children will probably have allergies but not as a major health factor. If both parents are allergic, the probability is that three out of four of their children will develop allergic troubles during the first 10 years of life, and they're apt to be major health problems. If neither parent has any hereditary allergy, probably none of their children will be affected.

When will you feel most energetic?

Just after a storm. When a storm is on the way, you make more boners and plod through work with an effort. While it rages, your faculties are stimulated considerably. After the storm is over and the air clears, you really go to town, mentally and physically. A group of students was taking a critical examination when the 1938 hurricane broke in New England. They should have scored average marks of 75 percent, according to their I.Q.'s. Professors expected marks to suffer badly because of the hurricane disturbance. Instead, the group came through with an overall average of 95! Seasonally, your mind is keenest in spring and fall, less so in winter, dullest of all in summer. At least that's the way scholastic marks of West Point cadets and Annapolis midshipmen fluctuate.

Is your sleep cycle normal?

For you it is. If you hate to get up in the morning, and hate to go to bed at night, don't feel inferior to the man who goes to bed with the chickens and bounces up at dawn to sing in the shower. You're an "evening person," he's a "morning person"—to use the terms of Dr. Nathaniel Kleitman, who has spent a lifetime studying sleep habits. You may do your best work in the wee, small hours, while the morning person is at his best during the early part of the day but all fagged out by dinnertime. Both of you are normal. Your sleep habits are associated with body temperature: Literally, we can't get to sleep until we cool off. An exciting movie will raise your temperature enough to postpone sleep. If members of your family have different sleep cycles, don't force them to conform to a theoretically "normal" pattern. In summer and winter it takes you longer to go to sleep, but you'll have the fewest dreams.

What's the best climate to live in?

Depends on which you prize most, siesta or achievement. The track of tornadoes and cyclones—roughly through our northern tier of states—is go-getter's territory. Most of our biggest, most vigorous cities are located in this belt. Energizing weather drives human beings to maximum accomplishment. But it can also overstimulate, increasing the likelihood of degenerative diseases such as coronary thrombosis, toxic goiter, diabetes. So when it's time to retire, you'll probably live longer (if less productively) in a warmer climate that lulls you instead of driving you at top speed. In gentle warmth, your vital energies are conserved better and used more efficiently.

Your family future

Will a given marriage be happy?

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Will your relatives move in with you?

There's at least a 50-50 chance that they will. That's the picture of the present family-cycle pattern drawn by the U. S. Department of Labor statistics. Every other home in which the wife is 45 years of age or older, harbors a relative. Chances are this will be a mother or mother-in-law, since we have three widows to every widower in the United States. By the time you're "old folks" yourself, the problem will be a tough one for your children's generation, for by 1980, 1 person out of 6 will be more than 60 years old. [*Continued on next page*

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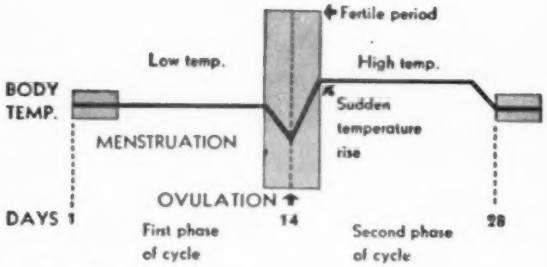

28-day fertility cycle for women

Can you have a family?

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Can pregnancy be predicted early?

Dr. Mary Barton of Royal Free Hospital, London, gives simple temperature "rules" for very early confirmation of pregnancy: A basal temperature of 99 degrees sustained more than 16 days indicates that pregnancy is just about certain. Even temperatures of 98.8 degrees sustained longer than 16 days are highly suggestive of pregnancy. Conversely, nonpregnancy can be predicted if temperature drops at the end of the second half of the menstrual cycle after no more than 14 days of sustained high readings, even if menstruation does not follow.

What's the best age to have children?

Have your babies early, but not too early. A famous study of some 7,000,000 births determined the most favorable age for motherhood to be 20 to 24 years. Stillbirths were significantly higher in women over 40 or under 19. Full physical maturity is probably not reached before 20, and after the midtwenties, organic illness is more common. The ideal age for childbirth, another study concludes, is 22½ years, although woman's reproductive efficiency is sustained well into the early 30's.

When's the last chance for motherhood?

By 47, childbearing years are over for practically all women. In 52,000 births at Chicago Lying-in Hospital, only two mothers were 47, two were 48. On the average, ability to conceive declines sharply after age 42, although menstruation may still be regular. Miscarriages and complications are more frequent in older mothers, but of women over 40 who do become pregnant, 9 out of 10 take a baby home from the hospital.

What are the best months to have a child?

In north temperate zones, June conceptions mark the peak of what Dr. Ellsworth Huntington called "the basic animal rhythm of reproduction." Babies born in February-March, conceived in June when parents were at a peak of vigor, apparently had a better chance of survival in primitive times. Modern housing, heating, and food supplies, however, tend to make October-November the "best" months for conception among civilized people of northern latitudes. Stimulating fall weather favors conception of children who will be as healthy as possible, free from defects, vigorous, intelligent.

Do summer babies have a better chance of survival?

Yes, August-born babies have the best chance of surviving to their first birthday. Next in order are those born in September or July.

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Reproductive power by age

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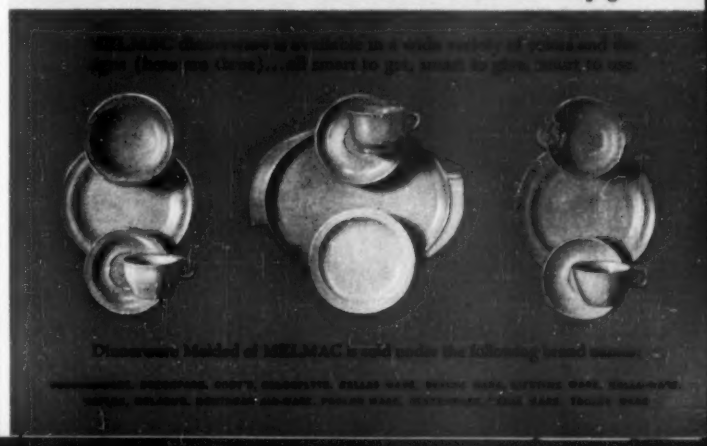

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Your family's future

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Least-favorable birth months for infant survival are December, January, and February, according to life-insurance statistics. But survival to first birthday does not necessarily mean greater life expectancy. A study by the late Dr. Ellsworth Huntington of Yale concluded that persons born in February or early March, in New England climate, had about three years' greater life expectancy than those born in the summer and a vastly greater probability of ending up in *Who's Who*.

Boy or girl?

Chances are a little better than even that the baby will be a boy, for 107 boys are born to 100 girls. Prediction is risky but is sharpened slightly by these factors: If husband and wife are of different national backgrounds—Swedish and Italian, for instance—the probability that they will have more boy than girl babies is very considerable. And young mothers tend to produce relatively more boys than do older women.

What are your chances of having twins?

Identical twins, always of the same sex, seem largely accidental. Fraternal twins, resembling each other no more closely than ordinary brothers or sisters, are a little more predictable. Fraternal twins result when two egg cells are released from the ovary at the same time. The trait is at least partly hereditary on the female side. Consider your wife's family tree. If her mother, aunts, grandmother, or sisters were fraternal twins, or gave birth to such twins, don't be too surprised if fraternal twins show up in your own family. If your wife's father was a fraternal twin, there is added possibility that he may have passed the tendency on to his daughter.

What's ahead for your wife?

Sure, your wife isn't average. But the lifetime prospects of a married woman, drawn by the U. S. Commissioner of Labor Statistics, gives averages by which to measure probabilities. Married by age 21, a woman has her third child by the time she's 27. When she's 50, the children have married and left home, leaving husband and wife with 11 years together before one dies. Usually the wife survives, lives on for 13 years of widowhood to death at average age 74.

Will it be a woman's world tomorrow?

Numerically, it already is. Since October, 1946, we have had more women than men. By April, 1947, there were 100 females to 97.5 males. But this does not mean that there will be a man shortage for young women who want to marry. It's mostly at older age levels that women outnumber men excessively, because women have a greater life expectancy. Old-age pensioners are mostly women.

Will your children marry younger?

Contrary to general belief that grandpa's generation was one of child marriages, the average age at marriage has been declining for nearly a century. People are marrying younger: women at 20½ years, men at 23.7. Sixty years ago, on the average, men married 2½ years later, women 1½ years later than they do today. And maybe it's a good thing if your children marry young, since there is a practical deadline for first marriage: 35 years for men, 30 for women. "After these ages," says Doctor Dublin, "chances of abandoning the single state are rather small in our country."

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Make merry with...

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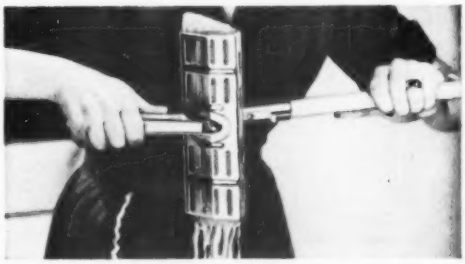

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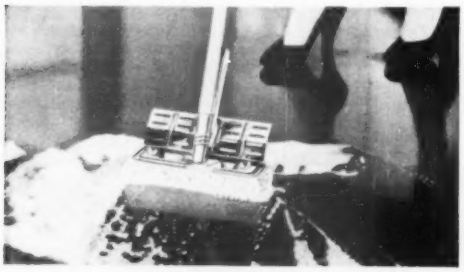

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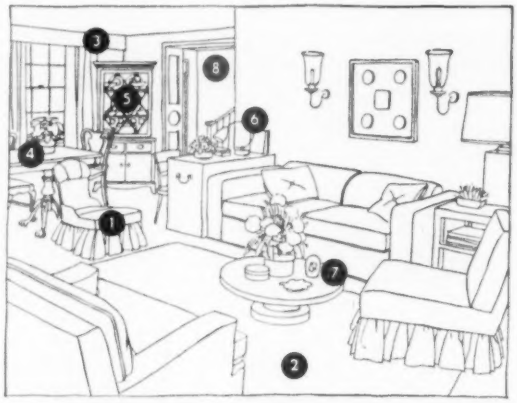

Room A

1. Victorian slipper chair is too delicate-looking compared with other furniture. In a mistaken effort to make it "belong," it was covered with a large plaid, too angular for the chair's curves, far too exaggerated for its size. Chair would be better covered in floral chintz, patterned brocade, or velvet. In any event, move it out of this room.

2. There is too much pattern in room. Too many different plaids: wallpaper, chairs, rug. Change rug to a plain beige color, and you will overcome this difficulty.

3. Drapery should cover wall all the way to end of valance in corner of room, or valance should stop where drapery stops. Either choice would be all right.

4. Traditional dining table crowds this combination living-dining room. A smaller table, with drop leaves, would take less space. Or a square game table, with hinged top that folds out to serve six or eight, would be an excellent choice with Modern lines of furniture. When not used for dining, table would be ready for games, adding another function to this room.

5. China closet should not be angled across the corner. Either place flat against the wall, or move it out of this room entirely.

6. Lamp on desk should be an important lamp, big enough to serve both desk and sofa—like the one at other end of sofa. Remember the rule to "balance color around the room"? Keep the red shades—they'll repeat drapery color. This is especially important because you're changing the red-plaid rug for solid beige.

7. Coffee table is too small. A large one would be in better scale; moreover, it would serve both sofa and chair opposite.

8. The color scheme in the hall is too radical a change from that of living room. Where rooms open into each other, the color schemes and general treatment should be related. You might use the secondary or accent color of one room as the main color in the adjoining room.

If you noticed that the frame over sofa is not centered on wallpaper pattern, give yourself a bonus point. To improve, move it a couple of inches to the right. Shift the sofa a bit, too. And if you don't like the little pictures spotted on the wide mat, we'll agree. Those candle brackets are pretty, but seem a little superfluous above the reading lamps needed at sofa.

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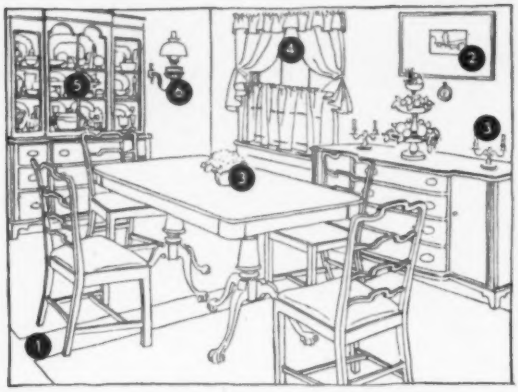


Room B

1. Sew those rugs together! And add fringe, if necessary, to increase their size.

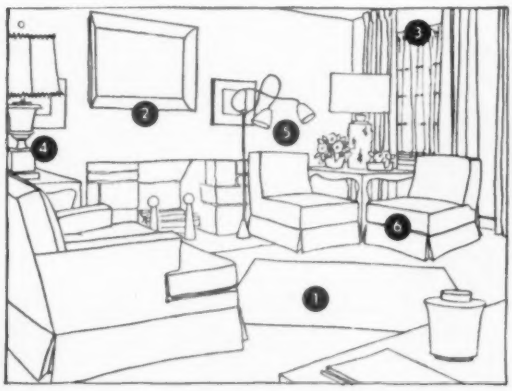
2. Picture over buffet is poorly framed, not big enough, or important enough to balance the heavy breakfront on the other wall. And did you catch the miniature pinned below? You're right; it's wrong!

3. Accessories—the bowl of violets and candelabra—are too small in scale for the other furnishings.

4. Quaint, "cottage curtains" are out of character with formal Eighteenth Century furniture. If you like cafe curtains, let tops hang straight, omit ruffled valance.

5. Breakfront is crowded with too many dishes "on display."

6. Victorian wall-bracket lamp is too cute, too fussy for this formal room.



Room C

1. Scatter rug should never be placed cater-cornered. Line it up, parallel to the hearth.

2. Large picture over fireplace is hung too high. When you group pictures together, always keep bottom edges in line. For more enjoyment of your paintings, hang them at eye level, low enough so you can see the detail.

3. Draperies hung from the ceiling should have a valance or blind to cover that patch of green wall above window. This is one of the most common decorating mistakes.

4. Porcelain lamp with silk, ruffled shade, is out of character with room's other furnishings.

5. Floor lamp next to fireplace is superfluous. Table lamp provides ample light for both chairs, and fits into decorative scheme.

6. Color of two armless chairs—while a perfectly good choice for room's background—does not go well with rug color. Change one or the other. Certain shades and tints of red and purple can be used together; but here, both are too intense and tend to clash.

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A family room that can't be rumpled

By Dorothy Monroe

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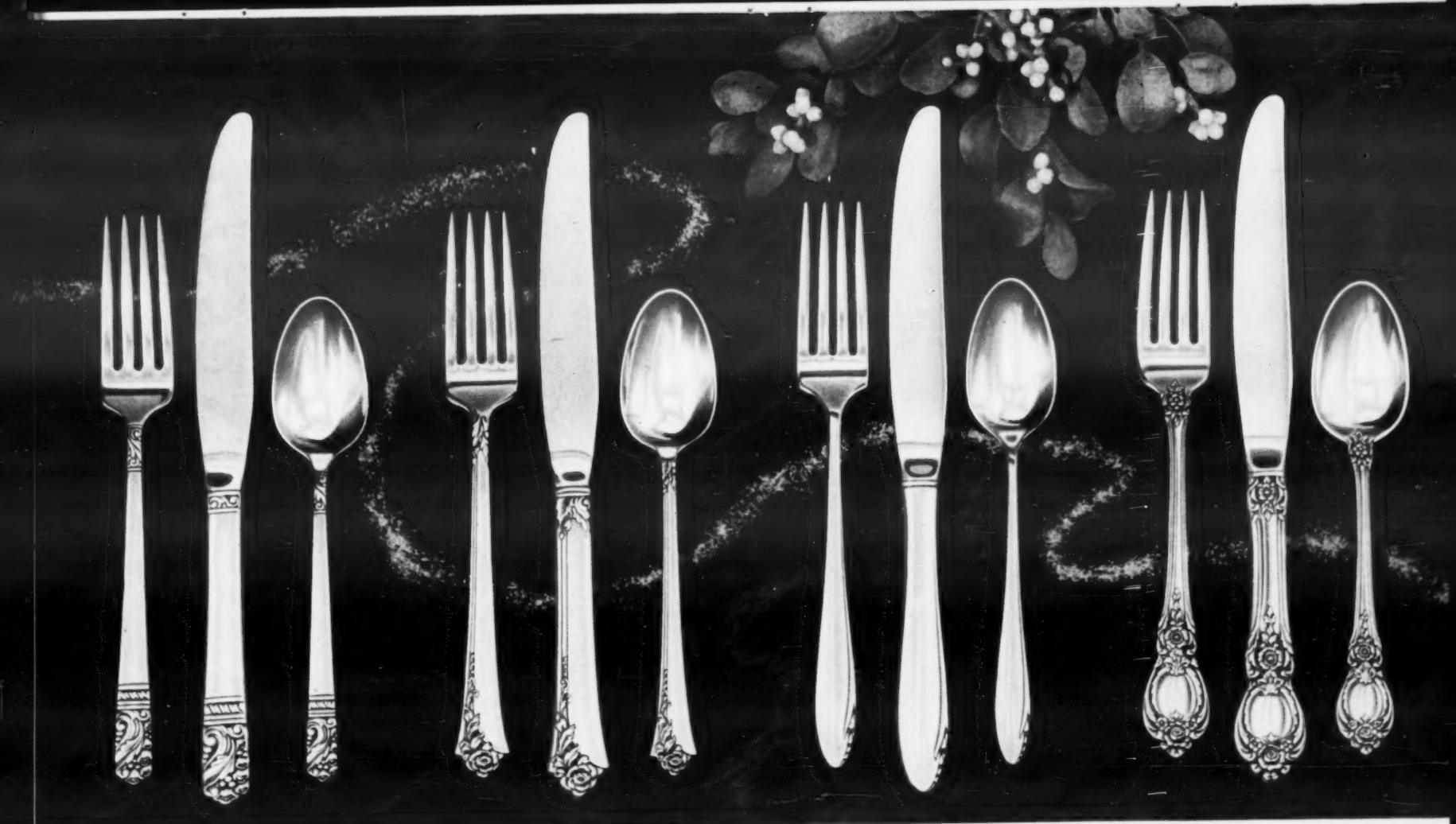

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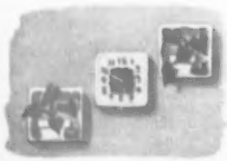

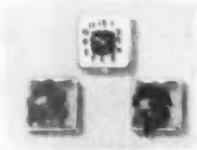

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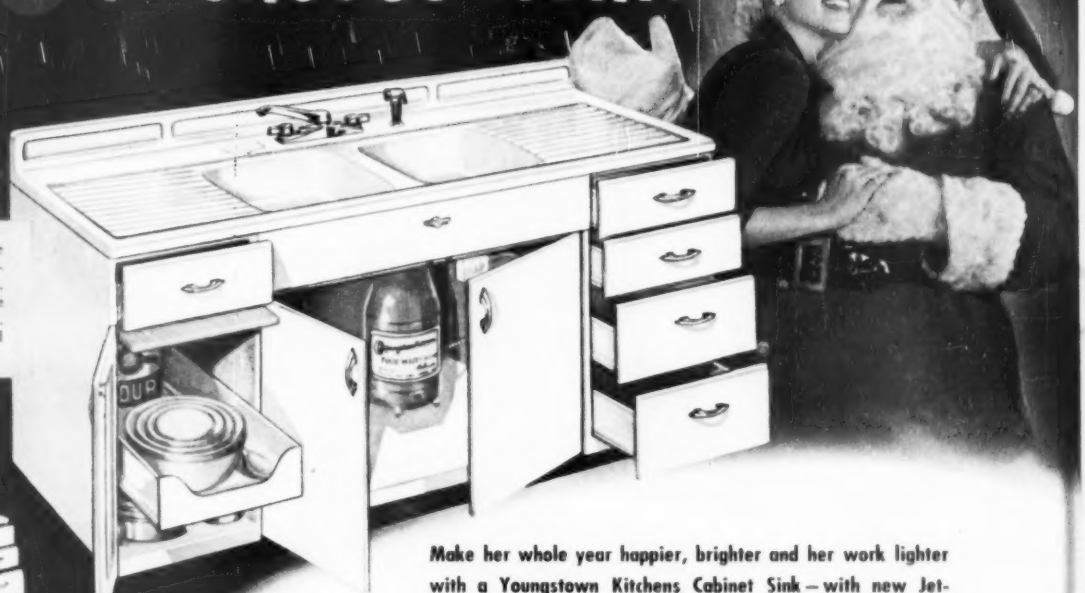

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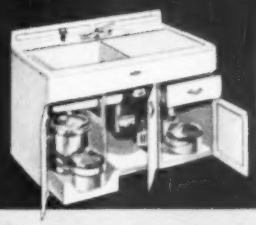

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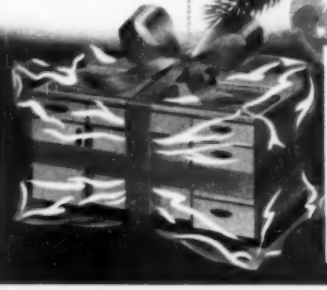

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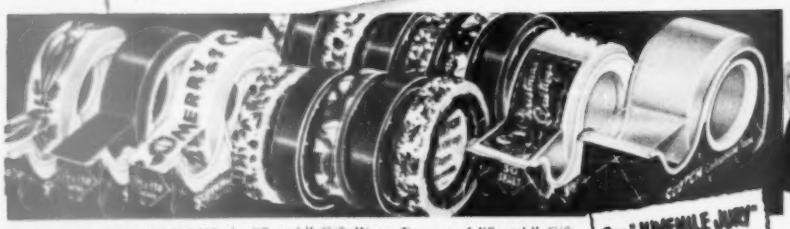

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The Family Car

Put on chains yourself? Do it in as little as six minutes and don't "chance" getting through. The service station may be blocks away when "the big snow" hits — or you may be out on the road

By W. B. Lashar, Jr.

In the days of linen dusters, goggles, Model T's, and high-pressure tires, almost anyone could put on a pair of tire chains in a few minutes. Today, although it's just as easy, many people consider it a major operation to install tire chains on late-model cars. They think it's a job that requires considerable equipment and plenty of time. This is not always true. It's possible to apply chains in less than six minutes with no more than 40 cents' worth of equipment. The pictures show how it's done.

Helpful pointers: There are a couple of pointers you may find helpful that are not shown in the illustrations. Checking for twists in the chains (Fig. 1) can be done rapidly. Simply run your eye down along the side chains and make sure they are straight and that each cross hook is lying on the ground with the prong side of the hook *up*.

To prevent tire chains from tangling or twisting, hang up the chains as soon as you've removed them from the tire. If you do this, the chains will not tangle in storage, and they will be ready for the next application.

How to set applier: With the chains straightened out, attach the applier into the end of the chains that does not have fasteners (Fig. 2).

When pushing the appliers and chains on the tires, place the appliers as high as possible (Fig. 3) and be sure they are at the same height on both wheels. If the chains are not started at the same height, they will move around the tires in different positions and you may have to move the car twice.

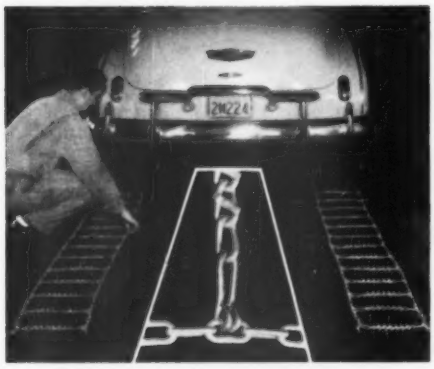
Next, bunch the chains back of the tires (Fig. 4). This will prevent their catching on the gravel deflectors inside the fenders when the car is driven forward.

Making the hook-up: Now drive the car forward about eight feet. The appliers will pull the chains around the tires more evenly than you can drape them by hand. Move the car forward until the side-chain fasteners are just below the bottom of the fender (Fig. 5). Remove the appliers, and then grab the inner and outer side-chain fasteners and pull them down as far as possible to take up any extra slack there may be in the chain.

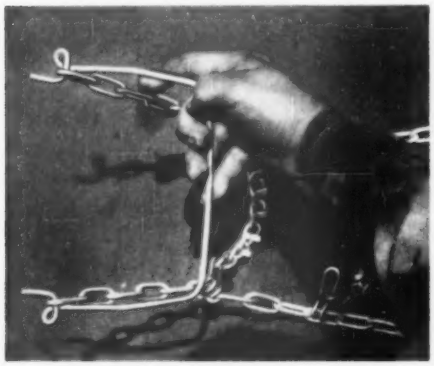
If you don't know exactly where the chains will hook up, it's helpful at this point to pick up the loose ends of the side chains and estimate which link will hook in the fastener. Now hook the inner side chain in the link selected and lock the inner fastener (Fig. 6).

After you have hooked the inner fastener, be sure to pull up all the slack possible in the outer side chain and lock the outer fastener (Fig. 7). [*Turn to page 153*

How to mount tire chains in six minutes

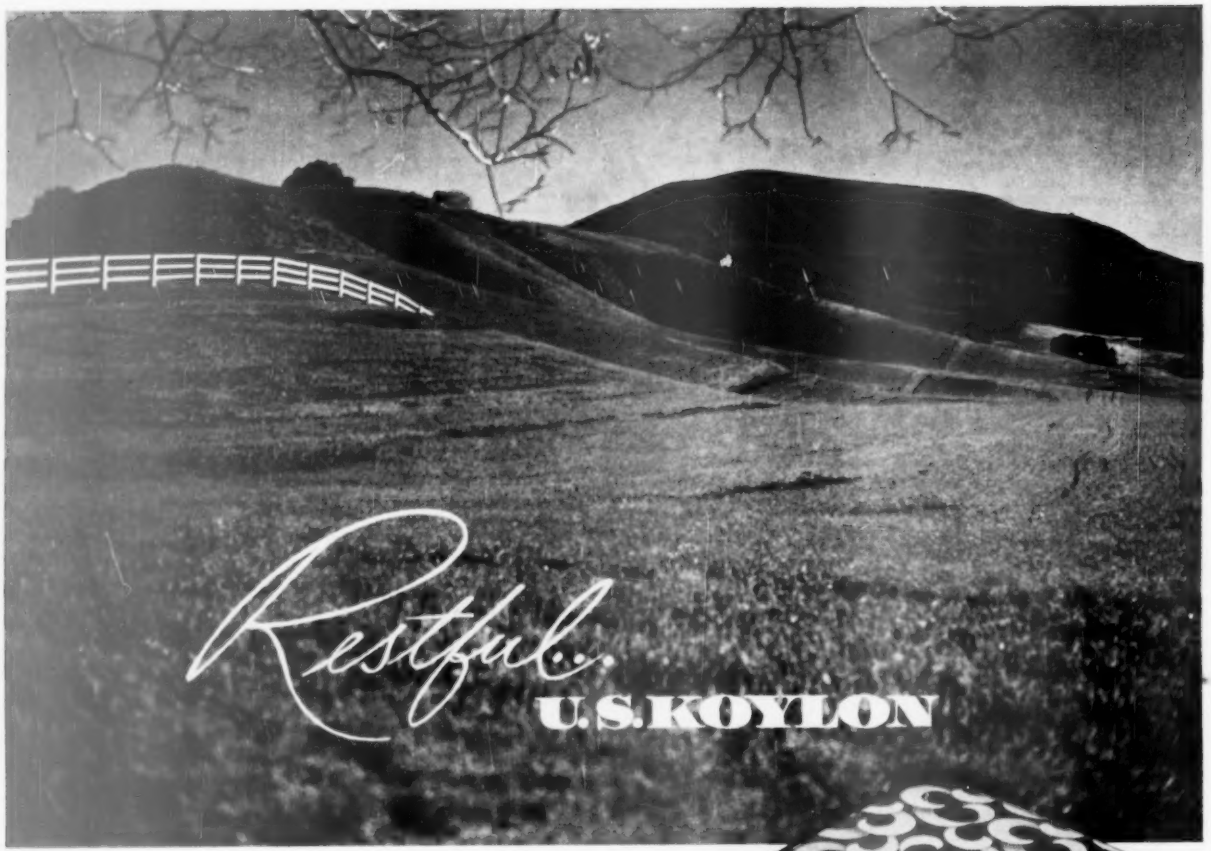


1 Straighten chains behind wheels, with cross hooks up



2 Insert a heavy wire applier into end side-chain links

3 Push the applier and chain on tire just under the skirt



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The family car

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Remember that properly applied chains give the best traction and most mileage. Don't use tools to tighten chains; pull them up as tight as possible by hand.

Chains on older cars: The method of applying chains just described can, of course, be used on any car and is the best universal method. On older models of cars, chains can be put on without using an applier. Here's how it's done.

Straighten the chains out on the ground and then pick them up with your hands about 18 inches apart, being sure to grab the chain in the center. Drape the chain so that it hangs down an equal distance on each end of the tire.

Next, tuck the front end of the chain toward the tire. Then move the car forward a short distance so that the side-chain fasteners are even with the back of the fender. From this point on, the operation is the same as when appliers are used.

Of course, in both of the above methods it is necessary to move the car. And if it is at all practical to move the car, these are the best ways to put on your chains. However, if you can't move your car, the only way to mount your chains is to use a jack.

When applying chains with a jack, use appliers to get the best drape of the chains on the tires. After the car is jacked up so that the wheels are about two inches off the ground, the end of the chain must be fastened to the tire with the applier and the wheel rotated by hand until the applier is even with the back of the fender. At this point, apply the brakes or block the wheel to keep it from rotating. That's all there is to it. From this point on, the final fastening is just the same as in the other methods.

But remember, a jack should be used only when it is not possible to move the car. Using a jack consumes extra time—time to raise and lower the car, time spent in applying the brakes and releasing them. And only one chain can be draped on the wheels at a time.

Checking for clearance: On some cars it is not necessary to remove the fender skirts or shields to put on chains. On other cars, these shields are too close to the tire, and it is necessary to remove them.

A quick method of checking the clearance between the tire and shield is to see if you can get the width of two fingers easily between the tire and shield. Be sure to check both the front and rear of tire for clearance. You can be sure you have enough clearance if there is a snug fit of three finger widths between tire and shield. If you have any doubts, it's safest to remove the shields.

Less than six minutes to apply tire chains? "Impossible!" you say. But it isn't. It's being done every day. It just takes a little practice.

4 Bunch the chain to prevent snagging gravel deflector

5 Move car ahead until fasteners come up to the fender

6 Hook and lock the inside fastener of each chain first

7 Pull chains tight by hand and hook the outer fastener

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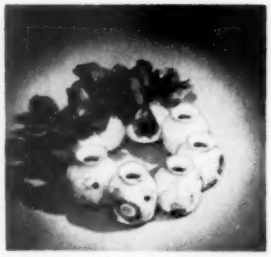

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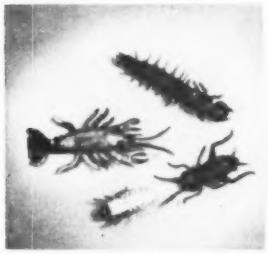

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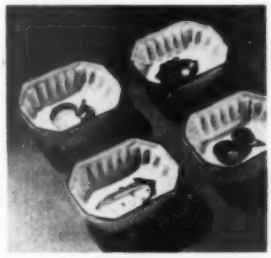

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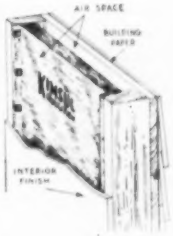

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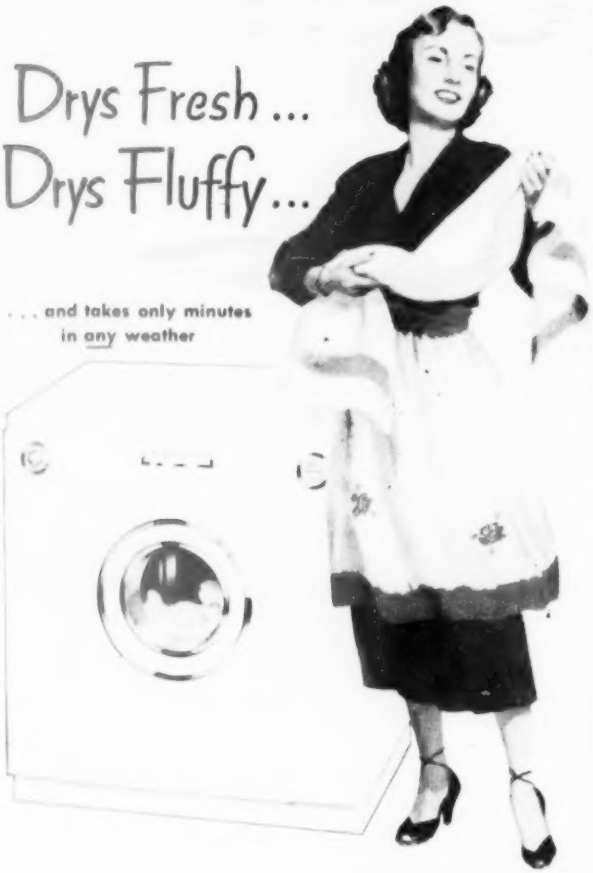

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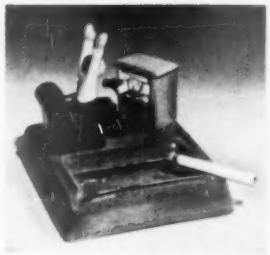

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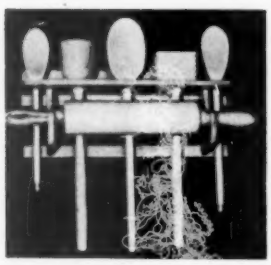

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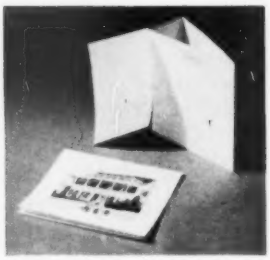

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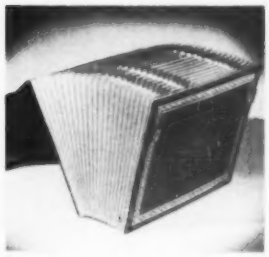

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12 planning mistakes

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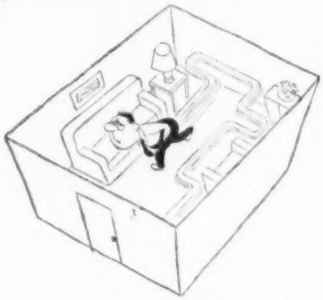
As long as you know your limitations, the planning you do in advance of building or remodeling can be very helpful. But confine yourself to rough sketches of your desires. Then take them to your architect, who knows construction, and let him draw the plans that will give you what you want without messing up everything else.

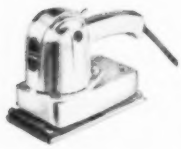
Long, narrow, and dark halls. This is the dead giveaway of an amateur. You want all rooms to have a nice view, or have a certain relation to other rooms, so you string them all together like cars of a train. Hall space is important space for circulation, but it costs just as much per foot as bedroom or living space

Bad storage. Most amateurs plan adequate storage space. But you make that space so inaccessible it's useless, like a five-foot-long closet with a two-foot door, or a deep, high shelf you can't reach without a mountain climber's rig. Plan your storage space for what you want it to contain, and put that storage space as close as possible to the point of greatest use



Rooms without windows. You don't need a window in every outside wall of a room, but every room should have at least one outside wall for a window. Though you can get away with an inside lavatory (hotels do), all other rooms need windows. Unless you enjoy claustrophobia, of course

Stairs. Here's another place where you often fall down. If you don't overlook them entirely, you plan for stairs as steep as ladders, or else you have them end against a blank wall. Including landings at each end, you need at least 16½ feet for a stairway to the basement, 17½ for a stairway to the second floor



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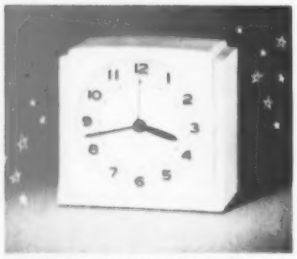

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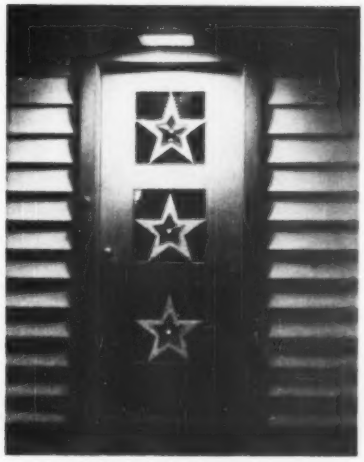

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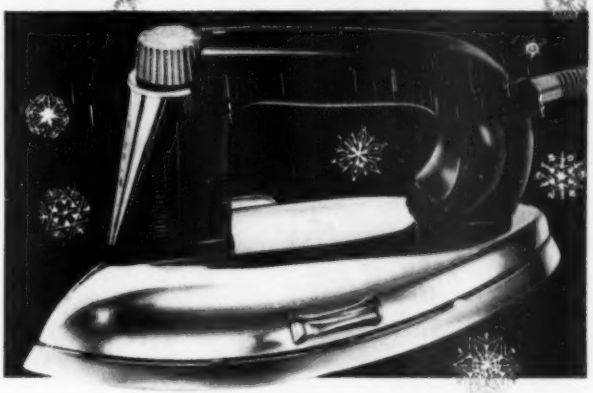

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Seven bows for pretty packages

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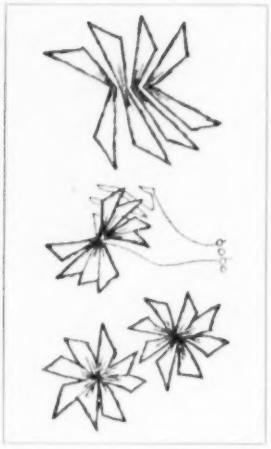
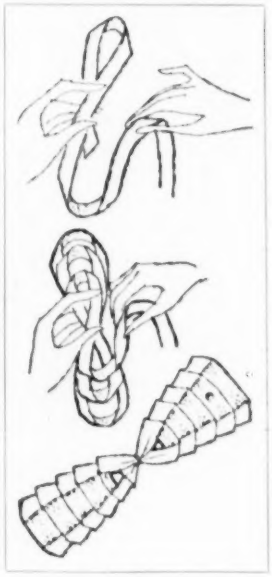
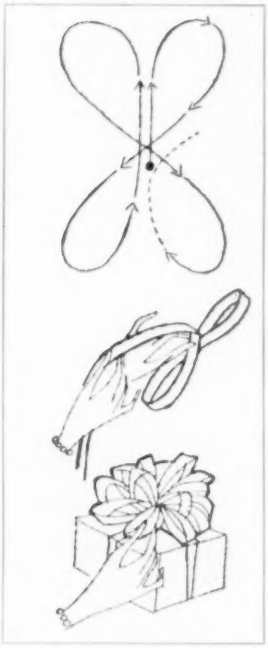


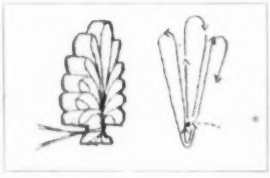
1 Rosette (green-star package). Cut a wide ribbon into four 5-inch pieces with diagonal end points. Pinch at center of each strip. Arrange pieces between thumb and forefinger. Tie with a narrow ribbon. Arrange in circle.



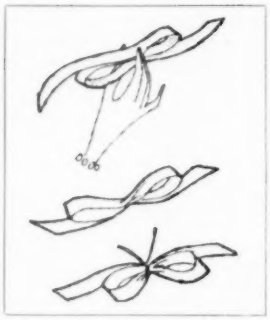
2 Formal bow (on bird package, Merry Christmas package). Lay ribbon flat against middle, third, and little fingers. Use forefinger and thumb to hold loops in place. Make a large loop on each side and gradually decrease size of successive loops. Tie bow tightly at center, with the knot under largest loops. Square off.



3 Pompon (on cigarette package). Follow the arrows in the diagram. Starting at the dot, lay ribbon flat against middle, third, and little fingers. Use forefinger and thumb to hold loops in position. Form first loops with a straight upstroke. On downstroke swing ribbon to right and slant left past center. Form second loop by swinging ribbon right at bottom of loop and bringing straight up. Form successive loops by swinging ribbon first right and then left, always using a straight upstroke and slanting downstroke. Keep making loops until you have a plump pompon. Hold firmly at center and knot tightly to keep loops from slipping. Attach to package and pull each loop into position.

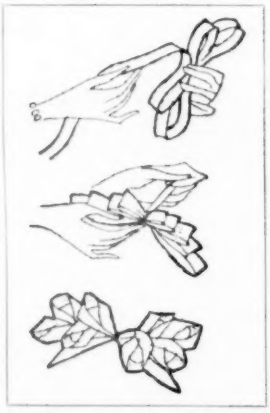


4 Tree bow (pine-cone package). Starting at center, make a tall loop; then make a series of smaller loops. Continue until you have the desired number of loops. Tie a separate piece of ribbon around the bottom.



5 Shoestring bows (candle package). Hold ribbon by edges and make two equal-size loops. Cut slanting ends slightly longer than loops. Twist tightly at center until both ends are under the loops. Tie securely with a separate piece of ribbon long enough to make a double knot on the underside and to use for tying the bow onto the package.

6 Spring bow (light green package). Make a series of circles, one inside another. Wind strands of ribbon round and round, making each circle larger than the preceding one.



7 Flat bow (red glass-bead package). Use single or double ribbon and hold to make a series of loops. Make each shorter than the preceding one. Tie firmly. For decorative effect, twist loops.

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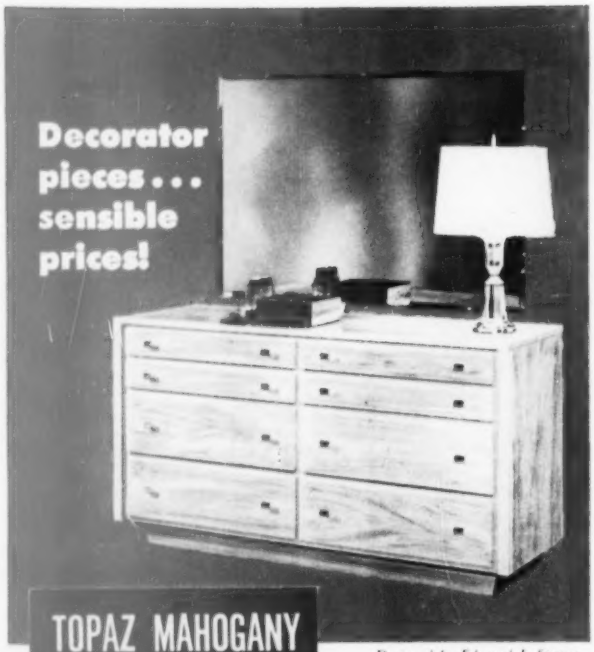

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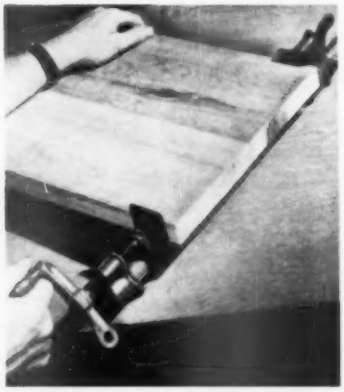

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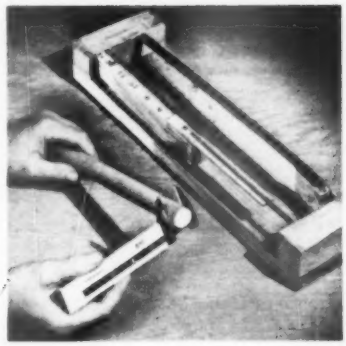

Caliper, $1.40; rules, $1.90 and $2.50. You can take precise inside measurements with either rule (upper right).

With steel tape, you read measurement where tape disappears into case. Tape No. 406, $2.50, is made by Master Rule Manufacturing Co., Middletown, N. Y. Folding rule No. X56, $1.90, has brass slide for inside measuring. By Lufkin Rule Co., Saginaw, Mich.

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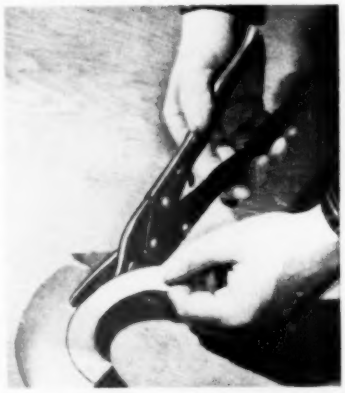

Jackknife, $3.50. Most handymen we know would not be caught anywhere without a jackknife. Give him a good one, and he can ease up on the incessant honing, and get on with that important project. The knife we picked from the tray has a bone handle and a good, strong pair of blades.

It's large enough to be more than a toy, yet not too large to carry comfortably. It's made by the Schrade-Walden Cutlery Corporation, Walden, N. Y.

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Tools for mother, $9.95. At long last, here is a gift for the feminine handyman in your family. With this set of "Mother's Own" tools (No. MO2) in the kitchen, father can count on his tools being exactly where he left them.

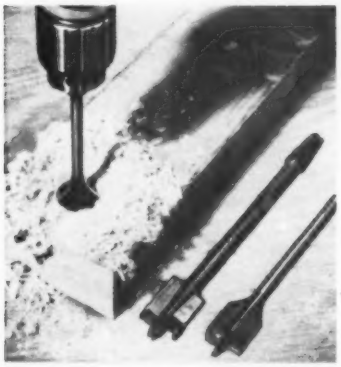
The set includes a lightweight hammer, cups, slip-joint pliers, pincers, a scratch awl, three screwdrivers, a tape rule, and assorted nails and screws.

Set is manufactured by the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Company, Southington, Connecticut.

Power honer, $10.95. He will be able to hone all kinds of edged tools and knives to razor sharpness with this "Roto-Hone" attachment. It's made by the Black & Decker Manufacturing Company, Towson, Maryland, to fit their "Home-Utility" drill.

A clamp and guide bar maintain the correct angle for honing the various tools. Oilstone is reversible, with a coarse-grit side for roughing, a fine-grit side for finishing.

Horizontal stand which holds drill sells for $3.35.



Bit sets, $5.90 and $6.50. He'll welcome a quality set of wood bits.

These are of a new design that gives quick, accurate cutting. Best of all, resharpening is a cinch.

Bit with a spur point instead of a screw bits any quarter-inch or larger electrical drill, light or heavy duty. It's from a set of six (Set No. 736), $^{3}/_{8}$ inch to 1 inch, priced at $6.50. Same sizes for a hand brace (Set No. 701) sell at $5.90. The bits are made by Chicago-Latrobe, 411 West Ontario Street, Chicago 10, Illinois.

Nippers, $2.50. Any time a nail, tack, or wire must be cut off flush with a surface, an end-cutting nipper is the tool to use.

This Bernard Nipper No. 165 has spring-opening handles; their compound leverage develops great power. The tool, pictured, is manufactured by Sargent & Company, New Haven, Connecticut.

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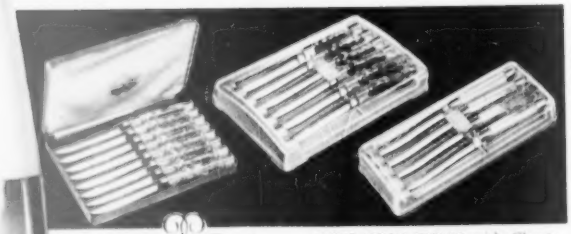

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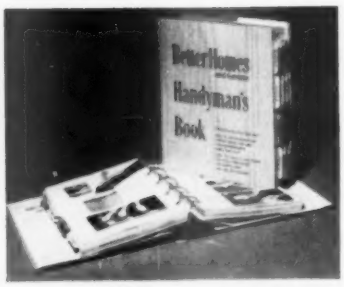


Handyman's helper, $3.95. Maybe his biggest problem is in getting started. The book that will give him the basic know-how he needs is the new *Better Homes & Gardens* Handyman's Book.

He'll find inspiration here for dozens of jobs.

It's available in hardware, book, or department stores, or direct from 6912 Meredith Building, Des Moines 3, Iowa.

Fire extinguisher, $2.50. The fire that doesn't get beyond the smoldering stage is the fire that does no damage. It will give him a good feeling of security to have a few small extinguishers on hand in his paint and workshop in case of emergency.

The carbon-tetrachloride extinguisher pictured is a product of the Tetco Company, Los Angeles, California.

Power hack saw, $12.50. Any electric hand drill becomes a power hack saw with this attachment.

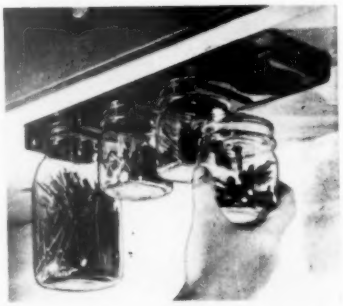
It fits into the drill chuck, operates at half-speed for sawing metal, as well as wood or plastic.

It's a good tool for opening boxes—zips right through nails. Reciprocating saw attachment No. 38300 is made by Mall Tool Co., 7740 South Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Storage rack, 79c. If your gift budget is tight, you can still make him happy with a few of these "Jiffi-Klip" shop shelves. Pint or quart jars slip in and out easily, keep supplies sorted, in sight.

Unit may be mounted beneath a regular shelf, as here; it is also sized for use between exposed studs.

With four pint jars, the shelf sells for $1.39. Made by Triangle Jack Co., Inc., Wichita, Kans.



Center punch, 39c. Here is a little gem for next to nothing. It's a spring-action, self-centering punch.

When you're setting hinges, for example, you position hinge, set the punch in a hinge hole, give the flat top a sharp rap with a hammer, and you have a perfectly centered starting hole. Punch pictured is manufactured by Stelray Products, Inc., Shelton, Conn.

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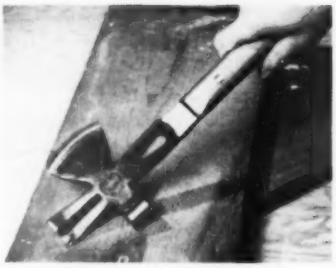
Electric sprayer, $10.95. He'll be able to lay on a glass-smooth coat of clear spraying lacquer with this "Vibro-Sprayer."

Selection of spinners makes sprayer adjustable for paints, insecticides, water-based materials.

The easily cleaned spray parts are of corrosion-proof brass and copper. Made by Burgess Vibrocrafters, Inc., 130 North Wabash, Chicago, Ill.



Four-tools-in-one, $2. There are lots of rough jobs around a workshop: salvaging lumber, opening boxes, splitting kindling.

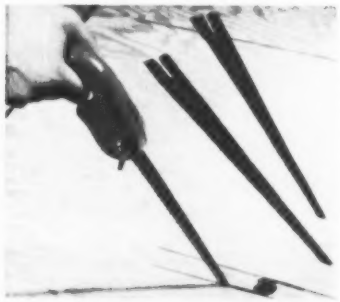
He can save fine tools for fine work if he has this "Tomahawk"—a practically indestructible hammer, hatchet, nail puller, and box chisel.

Made by the Bridgeport Hardware Manufacturing Co., Bridgeport, Conn.

Magnetic screwdriver, $3.95. Here's a good screwdriver with a plus value—a permanent magnet in shank strong enough to hold a screw while you start it.

This model, No. 84, has four interchangeable tips, two for slotted screws, and two for X-head Phillips screws.

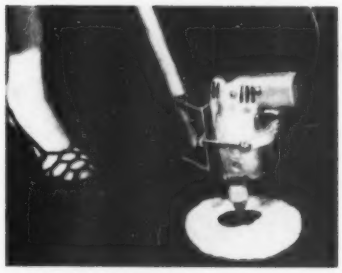
"Magna-Tip" screwdriver is made by the Magna Tool Corporation, 779 Washington Street, Buffalo, N.Y.



Nest of saws, $4.10. Here's the right tool for all those odd sawing jobs.

Beechwood handle has a wing-nut clamp for slender, 10-inch keyhole blade, a 14-inch compass blade, or a 14-inch nail-cutting blade. Especially tempered, the last is just right for cutting plaster and lath for a switch or outlet.

Set No. 7 is product of Henry Disston & Sons, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa.



Floor polisher, $6.95. It is no chore to polish floors with this set.

For any ¼-inch drill, set includes clamp, handle, adapter, rubber pad, and sheepskin bonnet.

It's a product of the Bertram Engineering Co., 3125 Harrison St., Kansas City, Missouri.

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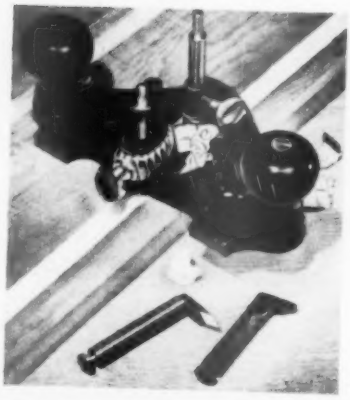

Router plane, $7.25. If he has everything possible in the way of hand tools, perhaps he's ready for a special-purpose plane to make fine craftsmanship a pleasure.

The open-throat router plane shown is used for surfacing the bottoms of grooves or other depressions as in inlay work, hinge mortising, and similar jobs.

Plane No. 71 is a product of Stanley Tools, New Britain, Conn.

Tap-and-die set, $7.25. With a small tap-and-die set, he can touch up burred threads on bolts or nuts, or even cut new threads when the project calls for it.

It's especially handy for repairing home appliances. Set is tempered to cut a clean U. S. Standard thread in five sizes; taps, dies, holders come packed in a hardwood box.

It's the No. 2 Lucky set, made by the Vermont Tap & Die Corporation, Lydonville, Vermont.

Carving tools, $4.59. Does he like to whittle? The sport of rustic philosophers becomes an art with these razor-sharp, heat-treated blades, each doing a specialized job.

Carving tool set No. 106 includes a straight chisel, skew bevel, bent chisel, bent gouge, U-tool, and veining tool.

It's made by Millers-Falls Manufacturing Co., Greenfield, Mass.

Set of wrenches, $6.86. Good wrenches seem hard to come by, even harder to keep track of. You can settle his problem of the right wrench for the job with a packaged set like the one pictured.

In it are combined box and open-end wrenches; when one won't work, the other will.

Set No. L-1106, with six wrenches ranging in size for 7/16- to 7/8-inch openings, is made by Billings & Spencer Co., Hartford, Connecticut.

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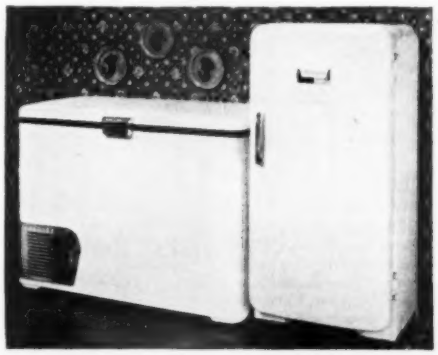

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Take advantage of a "view window." This window in the Walker Smith home is actually only as large as the area you see here. Draw draperies cover entire wall, giving impression of a larger window. Valance pattern is used elsewhere in room. Decorator: Helen Logan

Photographs: de Gennaro, Gorski, Cleveland

Former sleeping porch off bedroom in the Arthur C. Manerhan home was enclosed to make a small sitting room. Light from the picture window is tempered with bamboo draw draperies. Panes of glass in the French doors were replaced with plywood panels, and the doors painted white

Let curtains tie two corner windows together. In the breakfast room of the Forest Crum home, a small wood valance continues over both windows with a light blue ruffle peeking out below. The crisp bleached-muslin curtains don't shut out light. Decorator: Anne Phillips

Separated high windows in dining room of the Herman Platt home were "pulled together" with drapery treatment. Notice how French door to porch has same draw-drapery treatment as windows. This is fine in winter; just pull the draperies across and you can shut out the bad weather

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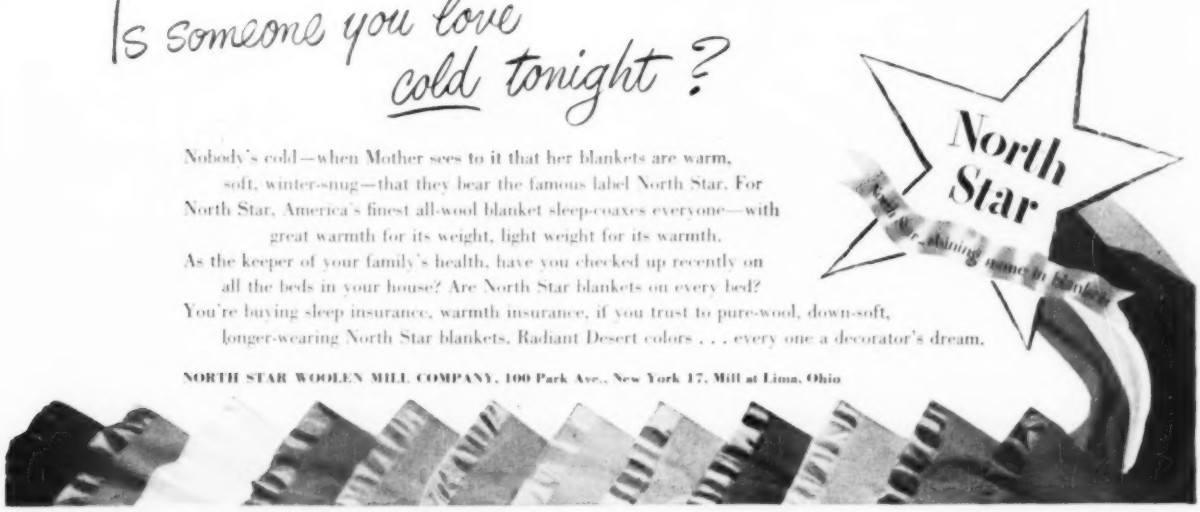
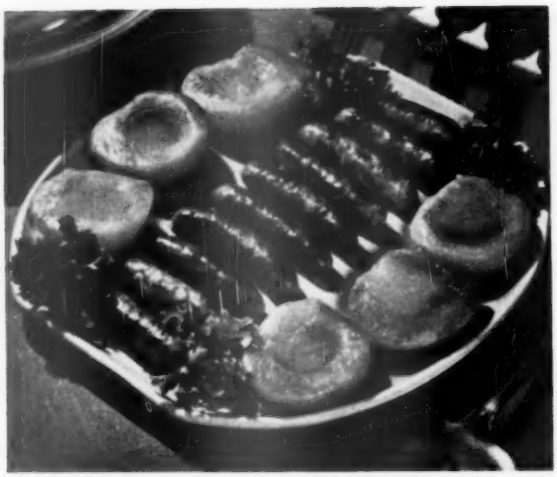


Thrifty main dishes with sausage

By Betsy McCracken

Ask your meatman for the plump little links. Or buy sausage by the bulk or roll. Any style, you'll be getting a meat-counter bargain with a wealth of zesty flavor



Peach-Sausage Platter. Golden peach halves, dotted generously with butter, broil right alongside the plump little sausage links. A perfect supper to plan for one of your busy days—takes you less than 15 minutes to fix

Sausage-Corn Bake. Little link sausages bake temptingly brown on a sunny casserole of scalloped corn. With a big green salad, crusty bread, and fruit, it's supper. And a hearty, easy one to fix on a frosty winter night

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American Pizza. The expertly seasoned sausage-tomato-cheese filling tastes like real Italian pizza. But you make the speedy crust with biscuit mix. Cut in big wedges, it's a main dish; in narrow slices, it's an appetizer

Sausage-Apple Double-deckers. An easy-to-fix apple stuffing turns sausage into a dressed-up main dish. For speed, slice sausage patties from roll of bulk sausage. Serve along with candied sweet potatoes, crisp relishes

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Know the puppy yourself before you give him to someone else as a present

By Russell K. Lowry

If you're planning to give someone a Christmas gift puppy, you'd better do your shopping early. The supply usually falls short of the demand.

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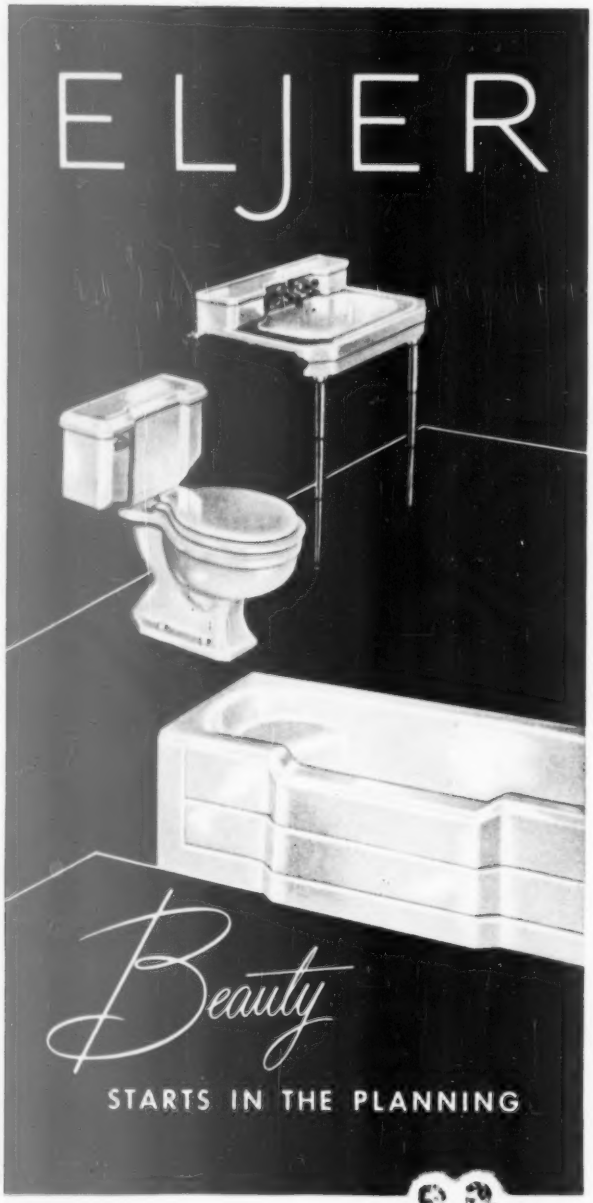

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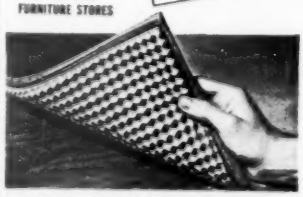

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Are we Christmas-only Christians?

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A half block ahead of us a car was stalled, as a result, apparently, of trying to turn around. There was a woman in the driver's seat, spinning the back wheels like mad, and a man and a boy about 10 trying to push the front end of the car sideways. "They'll never budge it like that," said Stan. "Let's get out and give 'em a hand. The three of us can do it, with the two of them."

"We've got to get to that meeting," said Bill, at the wheel.

"Nuts to the meeting," said Stan.

"I'm not going to ruin my clothes," said Bill.

"Nuts to your clothes," said Stan.

I was sitting between them. "They'll never budge it like that," I said brilliantly.

"They got themselves in," said Bill, "let them get themselves out."

"Nuts to *you*," said Stan. He opened the door of the car, which was still rolling, and got out into the snow and slammed the door behind him. "I guess . . ." I said. I was going to say, "I guess I'd better help Stan," but Bill had picked up speed and we drove away.

Bill didn't say anything the rest of the way, and neither did I, and we got to the meeting in time. Stan got there, a little the worse for wear, just as it started.

That's all, except, as I say, that it was the day after Christmas.

I still see Bill once in a while, and we talk about theological questions. Bill's a theologian, and I'm an amateur theologian myself. I see Stan, too, but Stan and I just chew the fat. Stan's a businessman. But every time I talk theology with Bill, or chew the fat with Stan, I'm back in that car the day after Christmas, and Stan is saying, "Nuts to *you*," as he gets out into the snow. I can still hear the door slam behind him.

When I see Bill now, I think of Christmas. When I see Stan, I think of Christ. That's a fancy way of saying what I mean, but that's what I mean. I wouldn't say it to Stan or Bill. Stan wouldn't know what I was talking about. Maybe Bill wouldn't, either. But I see Bill celebrating his Christmas—church and all—on the 25th, and I see Stan celebrating Christ on the 26th.

Christmas is a way of life, or it is nothing. And a way is something we take *habitually*. Stan acted, that time, from *habit*, from habit so firmly formed that it had become almost a reflex in him, the way your leg jumps when the doctor taps it just below the knee with his little rubber hammer. He responded to a stimulus, the way your leg does; the stimulus, in this case, being the sight of someone in need. If I told him that he had the *habit* of Christmas, he'd say, "Huh?"

Don't misunderstand me about Bill. I know Bill better than I know Stan, and Bill has good habits, too—lots of them. One of them is the habit of Christmas Day. Christmas Day means something to Bill; more, I think, than it does to Stan. If we'd met that stalled car on the 25th instead of the 26th, and somebody had reminded Bill that it was Christmas (or, just as likely, if he'd reminded himself), he'd have said, "Let's give him a push, fellows—the old Christmas spirit." The "old Christmas spirit," one day a year, is a good habit, but it isn't the habit of Christmas. It isn't the habit of Christ.

Christmas is the birthday of a way of life which, up to the first Christmas, had appeared to be impossible to men, the way of giving, not one day a year but every day; not to our friends, but to the stranger; not just for recognition or reciprocation, but from love; not from resolve or decision but from ever-present impulse; not in comfort but in discomfort, and even in pain.

Up until the first Christmas, that way of giving had appeared impossible to men. For hundreds of years, the Biblical prophets had exhorted their people to obey the laws received by Moses on Sinai. These were the laws by which men were to live. But the laws were all broken, and men lived, as they always had, each one for himself, and for pleasure and gain. "For all this His anger is not turned away," said the first of the prophets, Isaiah, "but His hand is stretched out still." "Return unto me," He pleaded, through the last of the prophets, Malachi, "and I will return unto you."

Christ came to help men return. He came, He said, not to destroy the law, but to fulfill it by enabling men to obey it. God "so loved the world" still, and asked in return only that men love God and one another. "On these two commandments," said Christ, "hang all the law and the prophets."

All His short life, Christ himself had nothing to give—at Christmas or any other day—except himself (He didn't say, "I'd like to help out, but with taxes and all, I don't see how I can.") All His short life He asked for nothing for Himself, and for everything for everyone else.

When, on the Sabbath, He performed the holy work of healing, His countrymen were shocked at His "violation" of the holiday. He answered them: "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work."

How much time have we—you, I—before "the night cometh" and all the things we meant to do, or were going to do when we got around to them, will have to have been done? Have we so much time to "work the works of Him" that 1 day a year is enough? Or 30 days? Or even 365 days? There was a certain rich man, according to the parable told by Christ, who looked upon all the goods he had and said

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to his soul, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." But God said unto him, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee."

Once we see Christmas this way—as only one more day to "work the works of Him," a day not of giving but only of greater giving—we may decide that we do not want to be Christians after all. Or we may decide that we want so much to be Christians that we are willing to try; in which case we must answer three great questions.

The first is: Is it possible for me to be a year-round Christian?

The second is: Why try?

And the third is: What does it take?

In explaining all these questions, keep in mind that "faith without works is dead." And that we are talking here about works, specifically, the work of giving. Works without faith are dead, too: "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me." Let us here, however, assume the faith, which, if we haven't got it, we can only seek, and consider the work of Christian giving.

Now, can we be year-round Christians in the modern world? Is it humanly possible? The answer to the question is "Yes."

It is "Yes" because God has given us, and only us, a measure of freedom. Anybody *can* be anything, within the limits of the freedom God gives us all. In the classic story of the man who promised his soul to the Devil in exchange for riches, we find him stricken with remorse; he wants to go back to God, but he says he can't. At this point his simple mother, to whom he has finally taken his trouble, says, "A man can always change, son. That's the difference between us and the barnyard critters." We *can* be Christians.

Or do we mean, can we be Christians and *also* be rich and powerful and popular? That's another question. Can we be Christians and even live? That's another question, too. The answer to both those questions was "No" in Christ's case, so it might be in ours. But the question we were asking ourselves was, simply, "Can we be Christians?" And the answer is "Yes."

Consider: A starving man can be a Christian. A man in prison, on the rack, on the scaffold, can be a Christian, and we have only to recall the stories of martyrdom in the concentration camps to know it. No tyrant and no torturer can make a non-Christian out of me; only I can make a non-Christian out of myself. I may not always be free, in this life, to *do* what I want, but I am free to *be* what I want. And there is one thing that I am always free, in this life, to do, and that is to *give* of myself. The freedom to *be* and the freedom to *give*—these are the two possessions I have that no one can ever take from me. If I have a crust, I *can* share it with him who hasn't; and if I have no crust, I can share my faith, my hope, and my love with him who has lost them.

Someone will say, "But that's too much to expect of mere mortals." Is it? If it is, then Christianity is a fraud, because that is exactly what Christ expected of mere mortals. "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." He could not have expected us to be Christ, any more than he could have expected us to be God when he said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." He could not have expected us to exceed our human nature, but He could have expected us, and He did, to live up to the very highest limit of it. He could and did expect us to practice being Christians until practice made us humanly—not divinely, not infallibly, but humanly—perfect. With the record before us of all the saints, ancient and modern, sung and unsung, we cannot excuse ourselves by saying, "But we're only human." The saints

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The answer is absurdly simple: We try to do as our Father tells us.

As children, we are not expected to understand the "why" of our parents' commandments, but only that we can trust them, whatever they tell us to do, because we know they love us and take care of us. We know they are wiser than we are. We are commanded, then, to "love one another as I have loved you," and when we say, "But . . ."

Well, fathers cannot always reason philosophy and ethics with their headstrong children. God did not argue with Moses. He said, "I am the Lord, thy God," and proceeded to lay down the law.

Sometimes we obey the law and things still go wrong, the righteous suffer and the wicked prosper. Job, the most righteous of men, suffered every misfortune, and complained, as we all do sometimes, of God's "injustice." God answered him, finally, but how? Did He try to justify His treatment of Job? Did He tell him what the rest of us knew at the beginning of the story, namely, that He was testing Job's faith? He did not. "The moral of the story of Job," one of my irreverent students once wrote, "is, 'You're in the army now.' "

Fifteen hundred years after Job was restored to all his worldly possessions, Christ's faith was tested in the Garden of Gethsemane. He was to suffer a worldly fate worse than Job's, and He, too, complained: "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup (of suffering) from me." But He added, like Job, "Nevertheless, not my will, but Thine, be done."

For those whose faith is as Job's, for those whose faith is as Christ's, the commandment of God the Father is reason enough to try to be year-round Christians. Because we are children of God, we are brothers, all of us. Brothers, in your family, in mine, take care of one another. When they ask why—"Gee, why do I have to take *him* along?"—they are told, "Because he's your brother and that's enough."

". . . he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

The philosophers, however, whose province is reason and *not* faith, argue that the reason for being good and being brotherly or good, is that goodness is the way to happiness. But the cynic replies: "Says who? The bad are just as happy as the good, and maybe better fed."

Plato, the first Greek philosopher, argued, much as Sigmund Freud, the modern psychologist, that happiness consists in "the harmony of the parts of the soul." This harmony the good man, and only the good man, possesses. The bad man is unhappy because he is "at war with himself." Aristotle, Plato's pupil, says that the good man is happy because he is living like a man and not like a beast.

The cynic is unimpressed by all these arguments; he has seen men, he says, who live like beasts, and they are having just as good a time as the men who live "like men." Why, he knows a fellow. . . . The philosophers try again. Immanuel Kant, the great German thinker, comes up with a kind of reasonable Golden Rule which we have to obey lest the moral universe collapse, and we with it. The cynic is unimpressed. Why, he knows a fellow who "gets away with murder." The philosophers try again. John Stuart Mill, the great English thinker, says: "I would rather be Socrates dissatisfied than a pig satisfied, and if the pig disagrees, I have the advantage of him, for he has only been a pig, while I have been both Socrates *and* a pig." The cynic just grunts.

One by one, the arguments of philosophy fail. In the end, I have only one answer which, whether or not it satisfies the cynic, satisfies me: The love which transforms giving into Christian giving—and sustains it through the year and down the years—is the love for which Christ lived and died. It is charity—*caritas*, caring—in the human heart. If I have charity—*caritas*—in my heart, I suffer with all who suffer. I am able to "put

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Are we Christmas-only Christians?

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myself in their shoes" and so to love my neighbor as myself. And who is my neighbor? This was the question that the lawyer asked Christ, and Christ told the story of the Samaritan from far away who, when the man from Jericho fell among thieves, succored him after his own next-door neighbors, the priest and the Levite, had passed him by.

We *need* to care—to love and be loved—more than we need anything else in life. What Christ revealed—that "without love I am nothing"—science discovered only two thousand years later. It was Freud, in our own time, who discovered scientifically that what people want is not the money, fame, and power they pursue, but only to love and be loved—and to love as much as to be loved. In Dostoevski's great novel, *The Brothers Karamazov*, Father Zossima is asked what Hell is. "Hell," he says, "is the suffering of those who do not love."

Caring is personal; only by caring for *this person*, whom I may not even know, will I satisfy his need to be loved as a person, and mine, as a person, to love. No government, no welfare state, no free enterprise state, no socialist state, no capitalist state, can take the place of *caritas*. Governments may be just or unjust, but they cannot love. Justice is what is due men; caring for men is what is due God.

The deadly peril of the modern world is the illusion that we do not need to care. We hire agencies, public or private, to do our caring for us. We suppose that machinery, social or mechanical, enables each of us to get along without the rest. Our ancestors needed one another, at seedtime and harvest, in sorrow, sickness, poverty, fire and flood, death and joy; and they knew it. We, we have the telephone at hand, to call the plumber, the police, the doctor, the employment bureau, the welfare agency. We have automobiles, to escape from our neighbors; movies, television, and radio to entertain us without them; and apartments where we live a lifetime without knowing who lives next door.

But life is hard, if not in one way, then in another, and it always will be, and the need of all of us for all the rest of us did not disappear with the invention of the telephone, and automobile, and the radio. The caring—the *caritas*—without which the human spirit starves and dies remains the law of life.

The ultimate in self-sufficiency, in "going it alone," is the man who rides around in a bulletproof car a block long, terrified lest his butler poison him. As this is the plight of the perfect nongiver, so, it seems reasonable, the perfect giver, the year-round Christian, he who is most dependent and depended-upon, is the least terrified of men as he proceeds through a life which, do what we will about it, is sooner or later difficult for us all.

We hear everywhere these days, the cry of "security." The socialists and the welfare statists tell us their way will provide security; the free enterprisers tell us that theirs will do it better. But the only security that there is in this life is the love of one friend, or two, or three, who say "He gave without asking. Now it's my turn." States may be overthrown; fortunes lost; cash and collateral turned into paper. What remains? "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

So our third and last big question is "What does it take to be a year-round Christian?" The prescription is simple, and it is Christ's. And it has little to do with the presents we give, in any case, to our husbands and wives and parents and sweethearts and children and cronies. Christian giving requires four conditions that Christmas giving does not.

First, we must give inconspicuously. "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them."

Second, we must give from the heart, and not just from the head, to the beggar on the street, for instance, who, we like to tell ourselves, will spend it for whiskey. "Give to him that asketh thee."

Third, we must give to those who do not give to us, and even to those who hate us. "For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the publicans the same?"

Fourth, we must "give 'til it hurts," not of our surplus, but of our substance. " . . . and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And He called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in than all . . ."

These, all together, are the prescription for Christian giving, the prescription of Christ. But all of them together are as nothing to what Christ, instead of prescribing, gave. He gave Himself. The gifts that we buy are good, but some of us, through no virtue or vice of our own, have more to spend and some have less. And some have nothing. But we are all equally rich in what Christ gave every day, the 26th with the 25th. We can give of ourselves.

"I come to you in little things," in the tired and footsore store clerk who gives us the wrong brand or the wrong size; in the old man carrying a suitcase as we hurry through the station; in the fretful child; in the long-winded brother-in-law; in the persistent peddler at the door. "I come to you in little things," the little things of everyday life, the little opportunities to give of ourselves, to get the *habit* of Christ that makes Christmas of the other 364 days—and of the 25th of December, too.

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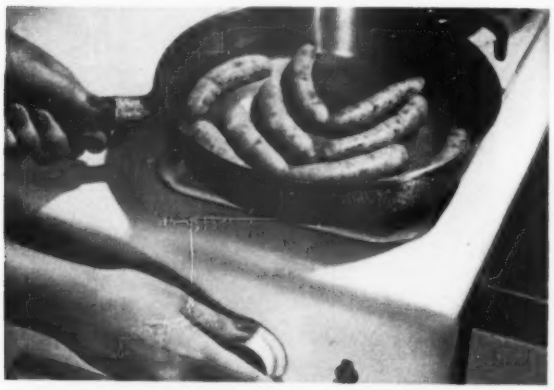

Pan-fry sausage. Start links or patties in cold skillet. Cook over low heat 12 to 14 minutes, turning to brown evenly. Drain off fat as it accumulates. Or cook links this way: Barely cover bottom of skillet with water. Cover, steam 5 minutes. Drain. Cook slowly, turning often, till brown

For the crowd. Spread patties or links on rack in shallow baking pan. Bake in hot oven (400°) about 30 minutes. Sausage is done when no pink shows in the meat. While the sausage cooks out of the way in the oven like this, you are free to stir up a batch of hot cakes and brew a pot of coffee

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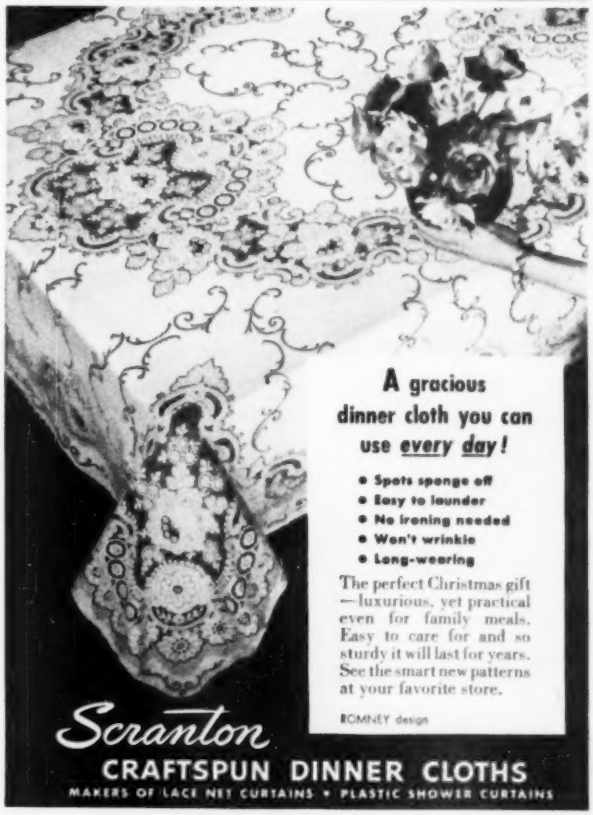


Look what happens when

Good neighbors build together

By Jackson Hand

"Built-initis!" There was no doubt that it was contagious! But it was the sort of contagion that spread from a problem rather than a bug. In our neighborhood, each of us faced the same problem that almost everyone who buys a house has to face. That house is rarely, if ever, exactly what you would like it to be.

Often there's not enough storage space. Or the relationship between living and dining areas leaves something to be desired. Perhaps it's a kitchen that's too clinical looking.

In a neighborhood like ours—two square blocks in Palatine, Illinois—the problem is magnified. Each family's house is similar to those of three or four nearby neighbors. But all of us found our solutions in built-in features. We now have touches of individuality about [*Turn to page 186*

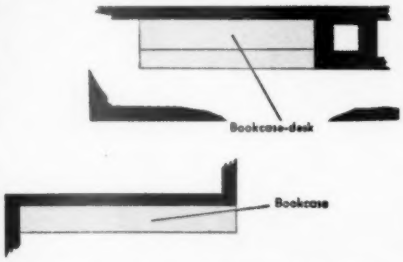
Here's what happened at our house

Setback in living-room wall needed feature decorative treatment

A simple, yet impressive built-in bookcase fills the recess neatly. Low-cost construction is of ½-inch plywood, with facing strips of 1¼-inch stock on risers and 1-inch stock on shelves to give the unit a solid appearance. Desk top is covered with linoleum. Crown molding at top and quarter round at base match moldings in rest of room. This bookcase started our neighborhood's epidemic of built-ins

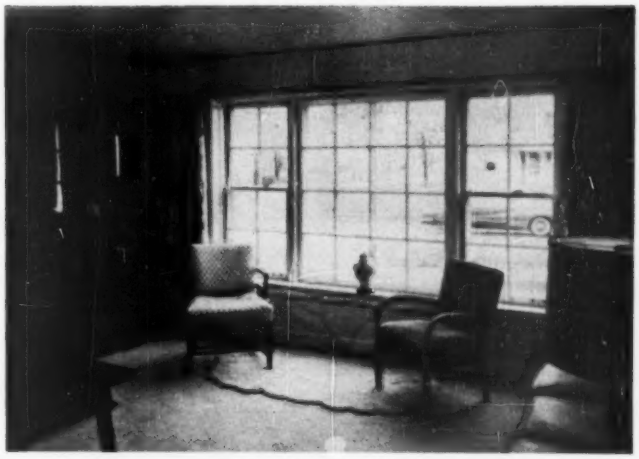
A built-in individualizes the Zanzies' dining area

Charlie and Meg Zanzie had a dining alcove so shallow, when viewed from the living room, it seemed that only expensively planned decorating could make it look right



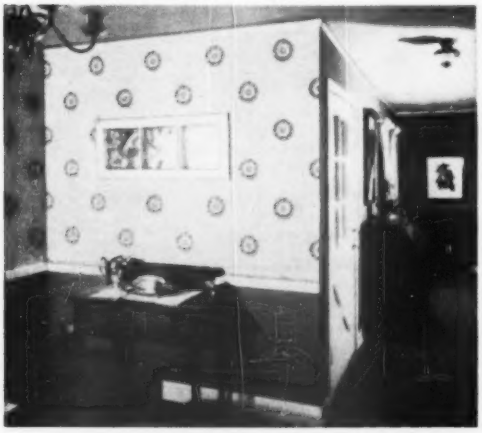
A shallow, floor-to-ceiling built-in deepens the alcove and reduces the broadness of the vista from living room into dining area. Plywood doors are fitted with invisible catches which eliminate need for pulls or knobs and give the handyman-built unit a modern look

The Stearnses desired a different treatment for their picture window



Long living-room wall with picture window presented furniture-arrangement problem

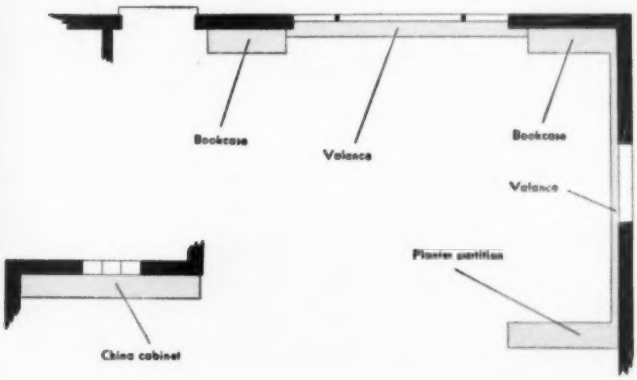
Dick and Peggy Cutlers' dining room profited by a case of built-initis

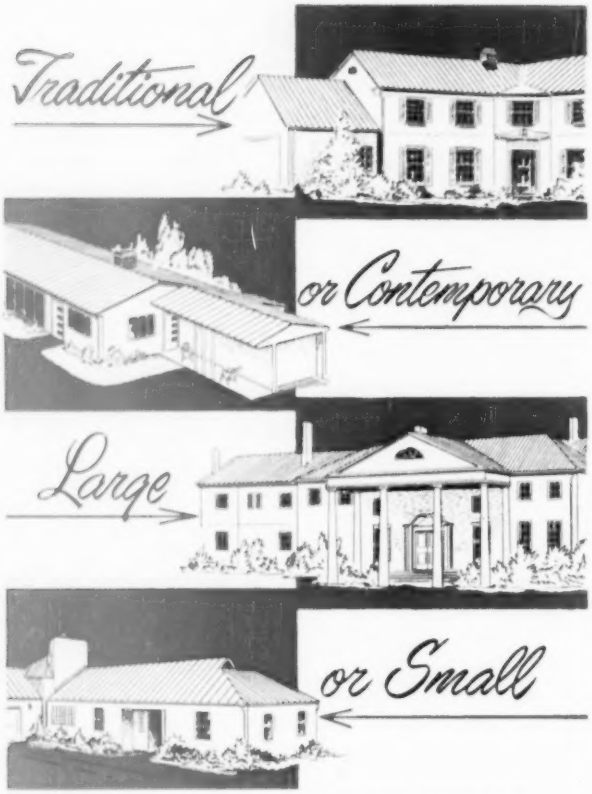


Big enough for table and chairs, dining room lacked storage space

One-foot deep cabinets and bookshelves flank window and effectively shorten the long wall. Wooden valance covers drapery hardware and continues across wall at right (though window there is normal size) to create a background for the major furniture grouping. Partition in foreground separates the dining and living areas

A built-in unit, only 16 inches deep, not only provides storage without taking up too much floor space, but also makes a decorative feature out of glass block opening centered on wall. Unit creates effect of a hallway between the living and dining rooms





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Neighbors build together

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The Cutlers individualized their kitchen

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What's wrong with this family?

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What's right?

Marjorie and Peter are making a commendable effort to protect their children from becoming casualties in a war between parents.

Both are avoiding any temptation to use the children to advance their side in the conflict. Though the adults feel compelled to turn to outsiders for understanding and support, neither seems to find it necessary to be vindictive about the other nor take a self-righteous attitude by indicating that the trouble lies entirely with the other.

These signs point to a still strong and mature relationship between Marjorie and Peter which is not beyond repair. Probably the majority of marriages are put to test this way.

What's wrong?

How to work out their differences, without harm to the children, is a real problem for the Grays. Their trouble seems to lie in not realizing that when parents disagree, their children cannot be completely insulated against the results. Family life is always thrown out of kilter by any disturbance that affects even one member.

Children sense when something is wrong. The Grays can't conceal their feud simply by deciding to hide it. What the children *hear* is actually less important than what they manage to *feel*.

This does not mean the Grays are unwise in trying to control their feelings when the children are around. The best protection, however, would come from sharing with them, in as calm a manner as possible, that all is not well but that each loves the children and cares about what happens to them. They can assure them, if they tell them in effect, "We have disagreements, just like you, as brothers and sisters, but we still love you."

Children can take family conflict without too much permanent harm if their parents show a genuine concern for their welfare. If the storm is unending, children, like parents, are bound to be affected.

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SOUTH—SOUTHEAST

Sow sweetpea seed of the Spencer type in Middle and Upper South—the Early Flowering sweetpeas in Lower South. Buy a legume inoculant, and treat all the sweetpea seed you plant.

Sow seed of other flowers—anchusa, candytuft, cleome, cornflower, feverfew, gaillardia, larkspur, lobelia, nierembergia, and Shirley poppy.

Set out plants of these flowers—alyssum, calendula, carnation, daisy, gerbera, hosta, lupine, pansy, petunia, physostegia, phlox, snapdragon, and sweetwilliam.

Plant these vegetables—carrots, Swiss chard, collards, lettuce, onion sets, radishes, and spinach.

Plant roses, shrubs, nut trees, and fruits—strawberries, blackberries, and boysenberries. Plant the Tarheel Muscadine grape—it produces fruit without your having to plant a pollinating vine next to it. Try the new Dixigem peach—it's a yellow freestone kind developed for canning.

Prune your established grapevines, including Muscadines and Scuppernongs, before Christmas. Cut deadwood from all your shrubbery and prune your fruit trees.

Feed your lawn and mow it regularly.

Pile several inches of rotted oak leaves or peat around your camellias and azaleas.

In the mountain areas, protect your everblooming roses with mounds of soil around their bases.

TEXAS—SOUTHWEST

Plant ranunculus and anemones in boxes or pots now to give them an early start for transfer later to your garden. Don't plant over 2 inches deep. Tie leaves to a 12-inch stake so the flower stalk will be erect when it develops.

Give all your plants a good soaking just before the first freeze is forecast. They'll winter over better.

Prune your berry bushes and grapevines now while they're still dormant. Prune and shape your vitex, altheas, and other summer-blooming shrubs. Spray your roses with lime sulfur to help control diseases. Plant roses in the Rio Grande Valley. Lift and store your dahlia tubers as soon as they're dormant.

Order your nursery stock for planting now to avoid the spring rush at the nurseries and to give your plants an early start. Select berried shrubs, such as privet and elaeagnus, that will attract birds. Start new shrubs now from cuttings. Cut 6-to-10-inch shoots from your shrubs and evergreens. Dip the cut ends into a root-growth-promoting powder. Stick cuttings into soil outdoors, over half their length. They should be rooted and ready for spring planting in two months.

Plant berry bushes, grapevines, and fruit trees.

Soak seed of such flowers as four-o'clock, baptisia, monardia, and datura overnight—then plant.

CALIFORNIA

Plant bulbs—daffodils, hyacinths, lilies, tulips, and amaryllis. Plant amaryllis so that at least half of each bulb is left above the soil. In Southern California, plant tulip bulbs that have been kept in your refrigerator for 6 weeks. Plant anemones and ranunculus at intervals to get a succession of bloom. Plant glads this month to cut down on the number of thrips that will develop.

Sow seed of scabiosa, California poppies, candytuft, linaria, sweetpeas, and other annual flowers. But first, treat seed with a disinfectant dust.

Cut back severely a few of your fuchsia plants each month. Repot fuchsias you have planted in hanging baskets. Cut back your geraniums almost to the ground to encourage new growth and shapely plants.

In the Imperial Valley, the Bay Area, and Southern California, sow vegetable seeds of Swiss chard, spinach, lettuce, peas, and root crops.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Pick any late apples and pears you have before there's danger of a freeze.

Prune your grapevines and Japanese maples not later than mid-December.

Stake and tie all your newly planted trees and shrubs. Put leaves or other mulch material around them to keep roots from being damaged. Mulch all your small fruits like strawberries, raspberries, currants, and gooseberries. And mulch your flower border after the ground is frozen.

Cut off dead limbs from your trees and shrubs. Along the coastal area, if weather permits, you may start dormant pruning of your trees and shrubs.

CENTRAL—EAST

If you got your hardy spring-flowering bulbs late, plant them all as soon as possible. You must plant daffodils and tulips now. You can't carry them over winter, plant them in the spring, and expect results. If your ground is frozen too deeply to plant them, put bulbs in pots of unfrozen soil or vermiculite to force for indoor bloom. Put pots in a cool, dark spot until strong roots are formed, then move into a light room to bloom.

Feed your house plants less during the short, dark winter days. Dust your smooth-leaved plants with a damp cloth. Dust reduces the amount of light your plants get.

Mulch around your ferns with leaves. Ferns have large crowns that heave from the ground when you leave them exposed to the elements.

Use burlap, aluminum foil, or netting wrappings to protect the bark of young apple trees, blueberries, fragrant viburnum, Japanese quince, and other shrubs and trees.

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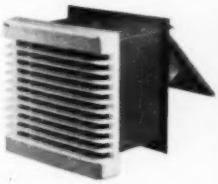

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Plain dirt gardener

By Harry R. O'Brien

Christmas Eve, our dinner table looked like a million dollars—a centerpiece of the dozen Garnette roses, a red floribunda type, I brought Maggie

Dec. 1 Here we are with a big snow on the ground. It was 12 or 13 inches deep when it fell. Streets and roads are getting cleared off somewhat, but a safari from our garage down to the office is a travel adventure.

As I pushed off this a.m., I wore a heavy woolen shirt—just in case I'd have to get out in the zero and work. In the back of the car is a shovel for digging at said snow. There's a broom to wipe off windows, just in case it snows some more.

Dec. 2 Weather turned warm last night with flurries of rain. That big snow melted away like a dream that fades, and tonight it is almost gone. But outdoors is slushy and, oh, so muddy.

So at worktime tonight, after the birds had been fed, I prowled the basement. The glads, the potatoes, and the onions are O.K. The dahlias stored in a bushel basket are O.K. But those in flats are dried out too much. So I got another bushel basket. I took those dahlia tubers out of the flats and repacked them in the basket. Covered them over with earth from the flats. Sprinkled them a bit. Then stored them back in the fruitroom with the other basket.

Now, this fruit-storage room is walled off from the rest of the basement, and we keep the door shut. There is an outside opening to let in fresh air. A good thermometer hangs in the room to keep a check. All winter, the temperature is kept at about 35-40 degrees, and things keep in good condition.

The glads, incidentally, are in flats, one layer deep. I have the flats stacked up, crisscross fashion, so air can get to each one.

Dec. 3 "What happened to your hyacinths?" I asked Maggie, as I prowled the kitchen. Mebbe two weeks or more ago, she put two bulbs in the tops of vases filled with water. To do this, she used a new kind of plastic bulb ring that fits any kind of vase.

She put in the hyacinth bulbs so that the bottoms just touched the water. Then, she stood them to one side in the kitchen. Now, they have disappeared.

At last I found them on the shelves in the basement.

Believe it or not, the vases are nearly filled with roots that have grown down from the bulbs. No signs yet of growth from the top. But give 'em time. It begins to look now as though someday we'll have hyacinth bloom right indoors in winter.

Dec. 5 "Oh, Mr. Dirt Gardener," said a voice over the phone before I could get off to work this morning, "I need some advice. I bought 19 new roses. They came the other day when it was pouring down rain, so I couldn't plant them. Then, we had zero weather and snow, and the holes I had dug are filled and frozen. What shall I do?"

I told her to dig a trench and

Dahlia tubers stored in flats are dried out too much, so repacked them in a bushel basket, like others

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heel in the bushes—to dig a trench about a foot deep with a slope on one side and the other side straight down. Then, unpack the roses and lay them in the trench against the slope. Cover them well with soil, so that even the tips are buried.

If roses are buried this way, they will keep until they can be planted later this month. Or they can be left until next spring and planted then.

So Maggie'd have greens for Christmas decorating, pruned trees judiciously, dried cuttings in basement

Dec. 17 In bad again with the family, just the same as last year. Maggie asked me when was I going to get a live Christmas tree. I replied that I thought we wouldn't get any this year—that we would economize and get along without. Whereupon the wrath of the family fell upon my head.

"Maybe this will be the last time we'll all be together," was one of the minor arguments Maggie used. "Before another Christmas, David will likely be in military service. Maybe Donald will go back to the Army. So we'll just have to have a tree."

"All right," says I.

Dec. 18 Left office a bit early. On way home, stopped at nursery—picked out a live Christmas tree, already dug, balled, and burlapped. It will be delivered to our door, for it is bigger than usual.

Dec. 21 At noon, gave up thoughts of further work, took a half-holiday, and went downtown with Maggie to buy Christmas presents. Goodness knows what she bought. She had the "charger plate." I found she also had a good share of the cash I had cached away for Christmas emergencies.

As for me, I drifted around. Bought a present for myself—to wit, a new pipe and pouch. Had 10 more minutes left. Bought new suit of clothes. Was 10 minutes late to meet Maggie and found her sitting in waiting room at the storage garage with about half a trunk-load of packages around her.

Dec. 22 Christmas cards keep coming in from far and near.

Got out biggest pair of pruning shears. I pruned some of the evergreens—judiciously, you understand. I packed a basket full of cuttings and took them in to the basement to dry out. Now, Maggie has plenty of greens for her Christmas decorating.

Forgot to mention that the other day the nursery brought that Christmas tree. Put it in the big, square galvanized tub Maggie had ready and carried it into the living room. Set it on a piece of tarpaulin she had spread by the window. The nurserymen put some mulch around and over the ball of earth so it can be watered and hold moisture. This will keep the needles from falling.

Dec. 24 To our local florist shop and did buy a dozen Garnette roses. These are the small floribunda type of dark, rich red with short stems. Well sir, Maggie was more interested in them than the turkey

Maggie's African-violet has stopped blooming. Six times each day, she checks for any possible new blooms

I brought home. She put the roses in an old, antique silver bowl, arranged them in suitable style.

Tonight, the roses were in the center of the dining-room table. Tall, red candles in silver candlesticks were lit. The center light overhead was off, and only the small wall lights on. That table looked like a million dollars. It was Christmas several hours ahead of time.

Dec. 25 Must be getting old. Can't sleep in the morning, even when I want to sleep. So doggoned if I didn't get up about 6 o'clock. The rest of the family still slumbered on. I roused up the furnace, then sat in my easy chair and daydreamed about Christmas when I was a boy.

At about 8 o'clock, I came out of my daydream and got breakfast. Roused up the family, and the day proceeded according to routine ritual for such. No use to go into details. But just before Maggie had the Beltsville White turkey on the table, white flakes began to fall. By dark, we really did have a white Christmas, after all.

Dec. 26. Maggie's African-violet has stopped blooming. About six times a day, she peers down into it to see if any more blooms are beginning.

Dec. 27 Down to 10 below zero this a. m. The two hyacinth bulbs in the jars are beginning to grow. A green shoot is slowly arising from each one. Maggie now has 'em in the kitchen again. They should be kept down in the dark longer, but Maggie couldn't wait.

Dec. 31 For dinner, we had blackberries and sweet corn from the zero box. Tasted just as though brought in fresh. The potatoes were our own. And so to bed. See you next year, folks.

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Thrifty main dishes with sausage

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American Pizza

- 1 pound bulk pork sausage
- ⅛ teaspoon thyme
- ½ clove garlic, minced
- 1½ cups biscuit mix
- 6 tablespoons milk
- 1 cup grated American cheese
- 1 No. 2 can (2½ cups) tomatoes, drained

Brown sausage in skillet; pour off excess fat. Add thyme and minced garlic. Combine biscuit mix and milk as directed on package. Turn onto waxed paper. Knead lightly. Roll or pat dough on lightly floured surface to fit 9-inch piepan. Crimp edges. Spread meat filling over dough. Top with cheese, then tomatoes. Bake in hot oven (400°) about 20 minutes. Sprinkle with extra grated cheese, if desired. Cut in wedges to serve. Serves 5 to 6.

Sausage-Apple Double-deckers

- ½ cup chopped apples
- 1½ tablespoons chopped onion
- ¾ cup bread crumbs
- 1 pound sausage roll or bulk sausage

Combine apples, onion, and crumbs. Slice sausage roll into 8 slices, or make 8 patties from bulk sausage. Top four patties with stuffing, then a sausage patty. Bake in shallow pan in moderate oven (350°) 45 minutes. Serves 4.

Peach-Sausage Platter

On broiler rack, arrange 1 pound pork sausage links and 1 No. 2½ can peach halves, drained, cut side up. Place a little butter in each peach half. Broil 4 inches from heat for 10 to 12 minutes. Turn the sausages once for even browning. Remove peaches when edges are browned. Serves 4 to 5.

Sausage-Noodle Skillet

- ¼ pound bulk pork sausage
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 1 10½- or 11-ounce can condensed tomato soup
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1¼ cups cooked noodles

Brown sausage; add onion. Add remaining ingredients except noodles. Simmer 1 hour. Cook noodles in boiling, salted water until tender. Drain and rinse. Add to meat; heat through. Or arrange in 1-quart casserole, sprinkle with crumbs, and brown quickly in hot oven (400°). Serves 5. **Tasting-Test Kitchen Note:** You'll need about ¼ of an 8-ounce package noodles to make 1¼ cups cooked noodles.

Sausage-Corn Bake

- 6 to 8 link pork sausages
- 1 No. 2 can (2½ cups) whole-kernel corn
- ¾ cup milk
- 1 cup dry bread crumbs or cracker crumbs
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped green pepper
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper

Brown sausages over medium heat. Combine remaining ingredients. Pour mixture into greased 1-quart casserole. Top with sausages. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 minutes. Serves 4 to 6.

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How good a host(ess) and guest are you?

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16. Do you wait for the hostess to begin eating after everyone has been served? (Unless she informally requests guests to start eating while food is hot and she is involved in serving.)

17. If you are the hostess, do you eat slowly enough so as not to consume everything on your plate before all of your guests have finished eating?

Give yourself 5 points for each "yes." If your rating is 45 or under, you'll not be rated very highly as a host or hostess.

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A 60 to 75 score suggests you're on your way to becoming a thoughtful guest and host(ess).

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Give a glamorous pudding for Christmas

Begins on page 99

Treasure Pudding

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- ½ cup shortening
- ½ cup honey
- 2 beaten eggs
- 2 cups chopped dried figs
- ½ cup chopped dried apricots
- ½ cup white raisins
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
- 1 cup grated carrots
- ½ cup chopped California walnuts
- 2½ cups enriched flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon soda
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- ¾ cup milk

Cream shortening; add honey; blend; add eggs; beat. Add fruits, peel, carrots, nuts. Sift dry ingredients; add alternately with milk. Fill greased 1-quart baking dish two-thirds full. Bake in slow oven (325°) 1½ hours. Or bake in 1-pint baking dish for 50 minutes, or in custard cups for 25 minutes. One recipe makes enough for the 1-quart bowl (or 2 pint bowls) shown in picture, page 99, *plus* 4 custard cups. Or it makes enough for 11 custard cups. Serve hot with Orange Sauce. To reheat the pudding, remove trimmings and marzipan, cover pudding with waxed paper or foil, and steam.

Orange Sauce

Just the right tangy sauce to serve hot over the pudding—

- 3 tablespoons enriched flour
- ¾ cup sugar
- ½ cup orange juice
- 1 cup hot water
- 1 tablespoon grated orange peel
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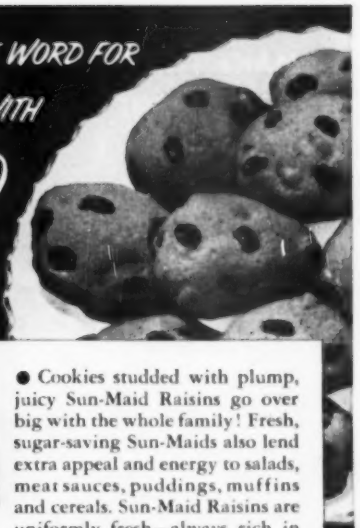

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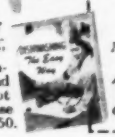

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How to make cut poinsettias last

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Now cut the stem from the plant. Sear end with candle flame till it's well charred and milky sap stops running. One more step and you'll be ready to make the lovely arrangement shown on page 69

Place cut stems in a bucket of cool water for several hours or overnight before arranging. Now you can cut stems any length you wish. Combine the bright blossoms with branches of evergreen in a low bowl

How to arrange Christmas carnations

See arrangement, page 69

Cut 20-, 17-, 9-inch green branches. Place on needlepoint holder to form triangle: 20-inch in rear center; 17-inch pointing to your left shoulder, 9-inch to your right shoulder. Cut nine carnations different lengths—the tallest 8 inches, shortest 4 inches. Arrange in center of greenery

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How to make creche

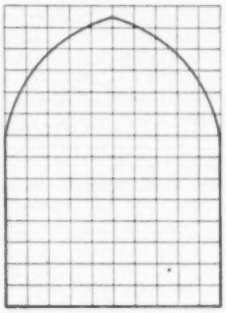
See picture on page 69

Cut three cardboard panels. The center panel is 10 inches wide; 8 inches from the base to where the arch begins; 13½ inches from the base to top of arch. (See sketch below. Each square is 1 inch square.)

The two side panels are the same size, 4x8 inches. Cover all three panels with blue foil.

Hinge the side panels to the center panel with white masking tape, 1½ inches wide.

Now turn back to picture of the crèche on page 69 and use it as your guide for pasting the white mint candies and little silver cake decorettes in place.



Spring promise

When the frost is in your whiskers
And the bathtub's caked with ice
When the driveway's like an igloo
Though you've shoveled it out twice
Comes a catalog of springtime
In the mailbox by the door
And your numb hands turn the pages
While your frozen spirits soar.

You forget to shake and shiver
When you see the asters gay
And the wealth of climbing roses
In the magazine display
You imagine morning-glories
Where the fence posts glisten white
And the paths, knee-deep in snowdrift
Glow with tulip color bright.

There's a breath of sudden promise
In the little book that's free
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If you don't have a sunny window

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temperature as tulips (48 degrees or cooler) until rooted. Here is a schedule showing when to bring them into the light:

Golden Harvest	Jan. 5
King Alfred	Jan. 10
Queen of Bicolors	Jan. 15
Spring Glory	Jan. 15
Victoria	Jan. 20
Beersheba	Jan. 20
Mrs. E. H. Krelage	Jan. 25

You can flower most of the kinds listed above in from 30 to 35 days at temperatures from 55 to 60 degrees.

Paper-white narcissi can be flowered shortly after the new year begins if potted early, kept at 35 to 45 degrees for several weeks, and brought under lights about the middle of December.

Minor bulbs are a delight when forced under artificial light, although it's too late to start them for Christmas bloom this year. Grape-hyacinths, crocuses, snowdrops, and scillas should be held at about 35 degrees until well rooted, then brought into heat and light about November 15th. Grown at 45 to 48 degrees, they should flower nicely for Christmas.

Big advantage of forcing bulbs under artificial light, even if a sun-lit window is available, is that you can avoid the high heat of most homes. Any temperature above 67 can be expected to blast the tips of petals and turn them white, and the entire flower will have poorer color in high temperatures. Once you have forced plants, however, they can be brought into living-room temperatures without injury.

Where to get it

Most items shown in this issue should be available in your local stores. If, however, they are not, for your store's convenience in ordering, we list the names of the companies through which they're available.

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Page 70. Nurse uniform, $5.95; Marine uniform, $4.95: Sackman Brothers Co., 200 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N.Y.
Toy clock, $1.49: Fairmount Mfg. Co, Inc., 7820 Maplewood Industrial Court, St. Louis 17, Mo.
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Rodeo train, $8.50: Holgate Brothers Co., Kane, Pa.
Mechanical bear, $7: Ideal Toy Corporation, 200 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.
Army material, $14.95: Smith-Miller, Inc., 2932 Nebraska Ave., Santa Monica, Calif.
Page 111. Heilner, about $16.75: The Charles Wm. Doepke Mfg. Co., Rossmoyne, Ohio.
Toy wagon, about $2.69: Fisher-Price Toys, Inc., East Aurora, N.Y.
"Pick-et Stick-et," $1.50 and $2: The Atlantic Plastics Co., 1582 East 105th St., Cleveland 6, Ohio.
Service station, about $5.98: T. Cohn, Inc., 845 65th St., Brooklyn 20, N.Y.
Circus toy sets from $4.70 to $26.35: Humpty-Dumpty Toys, Inc., Seneca Falls, N.Y.
Racer BMC Mfg. Corp., Binghamton, N.Y.
Page 112. Lone Ranger's "Silver," $1.98: Plastic Innovations, Inc., 102 West 101st St., New York 25, N.Y.
Playhouse, $20: Doughboy Industries, Inc., New Richmond, Wis.
Tintair doll, $11.95 to $16.95: Effanbee Doll Co., 200 Fifth Ave., New York 10.
Telephone switchboard, $6.98: Kamkap, Inc., 200 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N.Y.
Musical merry-go-round, $2.19: Mattel, Inc., 5432 W. 102nd St., Los Angeles 45.
Cowboy bike, about $42.95: Hedstrom Union Co., Fitchburg, Mass.
Magnus bagpipe, about $6: Magnus Harmonica Corp., 439-441 Frelinghuysen Ave., Newark 5, N.J.
Page 207. Boxcar toy chest, about $15.95: Shepard Toys, Medina, Ohio.
Plane carrier, about $1: Saunders Tool & Die Co., 500 Rathbone Ave., Aurora, Ill.
Pet shop truck with dogs, $1.59: Louis Marx & Co., Inc., 200 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N.Y.
"Mommie's Little Angel," $6: Fleischaker Novelty Co., 555 Rose Ave., Venice, Calif.
Doll carriage, about $25: F. A. Whitney Carriage Co., Leominster, Mass.
Page 197. Cinderella Cleaning Set, about $1: Norstar Corp., 893-897 E. 167th St., New York 59, N.Y.
"Boom or Bust," $3: Parker Brothers, Salem, Mass.

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Page 126. Double-deck freezing basket: Deepfreeze Motor Products Corp., 2301 Davis St., North Chicago, Ill.
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Vacuum cleaner, General Electric Co., 1285 Boston Ave., Bridgeport 2, Conn.
Page 129. Chefster: Knapp-Monarch Co., St. Louis 16, Mo.
Rubber scraper: Rubbermaid, Wooster, Ohio.
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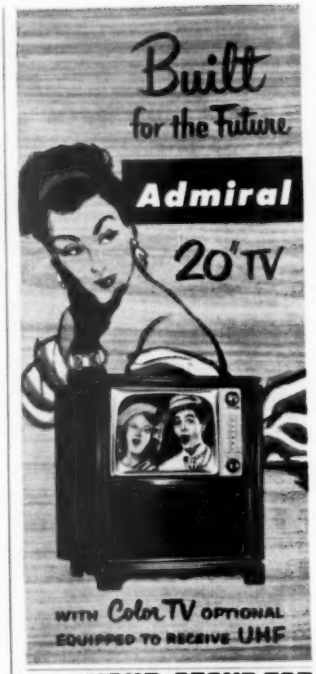

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2 cups sugar	2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
½ cup evaporated milk	1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup water	½ cup marshmallow cream
½ teaspoon salt	

Combine sugar, milk, water, and salt; and heat to boiling over moderate heat. Brush sides of pan with wet pastry brush to remove sugar crystals. Cook, stirring frequently, to soft-ball stage (236°). Add butter and vanilla. Cool at room temperature, without stirring, until lukewarm (110°). Beat until mixture holds its shape. Add marshmallow cream and beat again until thick. Quickly spread in greased pan. When firm, mark into squares and sprinkle centers with colored sugar. Press decorative candies into center of squares. Makes about 1¼ pounds. Or pat candy into 6-inch square on greased cooky sheet and roll in designs with your springerle rolling pin. Brush designs with diluted food coloring.

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1 tablespoon butter or fortified margarine	2¼ cups confectioners' sugar
	2 tablespoons orange juice

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2 egg whites	⅓ cup cold water
1½ cups sugar	Dash of salt
1½ teaspoons light corn syrup	1 teaspoon vanilla

Place all ingredients except vanilla in double boiler; mix thoroughly. Cook, beating constantly until mixture forms peaks, about 7 minutes. Remove from heat; add vanilla; beat 1 minute longer.

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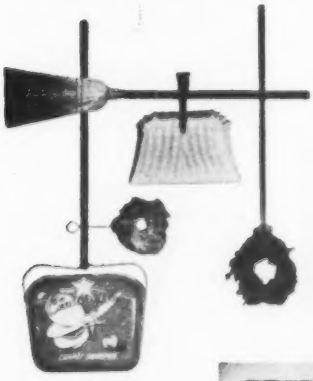

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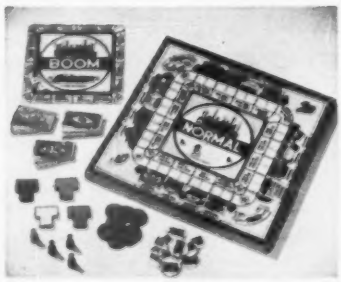

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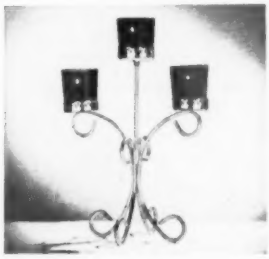
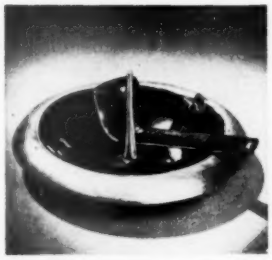
More fun in the bathtub for small boys and girls with this seagoing soap dish. Base attaches to the side of the tub or the wall with two rubber suction cups. Top of dish comes off and floats around the tub with the little fish aboard. Plastic dish is outfitted with soft baby's washcloth. With pink or blue fish, *Tub-by Soapdish*, $1.25, ppd. Jesse Levy & Co., 126 N. Third St., Philadelphia 6, Pa.



Graceful brass rack has piecrust platforms to hold red candle glasses. Stand is 12" high and available in three- or five-candle sizes. *Brass Candle Glass Holder*, three-bracket, $4; five-bracket, $5.50, ppd. Younkers, Seventh and Walnut, Des Moines, Iowa.



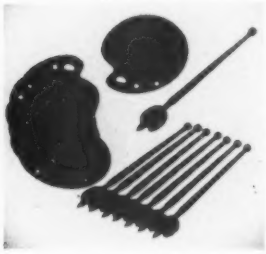
A turn of your pipe bowl on cleaning spike empties it neatly. Clips on rotating arm hold cigarettes, snuff them when they've burned down. Burn-resistant, two-tone copper finish *Pipe Tray*, $1.98, ppd. Wham-O Mfg. Co., 2008 Le Droit Drive, South Pasadena, Calif.

King-size egg cup (it's 2¾" across) will hold three scooped-out, soft-boiled eggs. Foot of the cup (when turned over as in the photograph) nests a single egg, if you like to eat it straight from the shell. *Big Three-Egg Cup*, green, chartreuse, blue, white, yellow, or dubonnet, $1.25, ppd. Sharon Merrill, 8597 Franklin Ave., Hollywood 46, Calif.

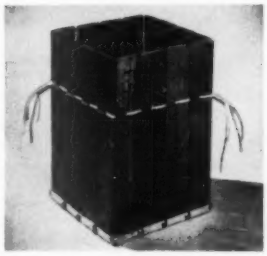
Brilliantly painted "Distelfink" bird is patterned after the old Pennsylvania Dutch designs. This birdie holds gravy or sauces, and the ladle, when resting in the dish, forms either extra tail plumage or a head crest. Bird is 7½" long, 5½" high. Specify brown and green or multicolor. *Distelfink Gravy Boat*, $4. Tips by Tommy, Box 58, San Gabriel, Calif.

Display decorative cups and saucers on simple, unobtrusive stands that blend with the wood of cupboard or shelf. Transparent, mahogany plastic stand will hold teacup or demitasse cup and saucer. One-piece stand has grooves for securely holding cup upright or cup and saucer on edge. *China Stand*, 35c, ppd. (Stand only, without cup and saucer.) Gift and Gadget Shop, 369 First Ave., New York 10, N.Y.

The gift for friends who do lots of letter writing but never can get to the post office is their own weighing scale, which fits in roll-up leather case that has three pockets to hold a supply of stamps. Case is small enough to go in pocket or purse with convenience. *Postomatic*, $2.50, red or brown; pigskin, $3; ppd. Robert W. Kellogg Co., 37 Hillman St., Springfield, Mass.

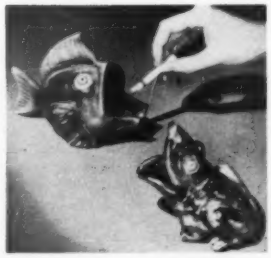


There's a dash of the artist's life at your parties when you serve drinks on palette coasters with paintbrushes as stirrers. Both are made of black plastic with dashes of color. Set of 8 *Palette Coasters* and 8 *Paintbrush Stirrers*, $2, ppd. Crystalier, Dept. BH, 485 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y.



Authentic Western cattle brands are burned into wood wastebasket with real branding irons. It's bound and laced with rawhide and plaited at the two corners in riding-quirt style. Studded with brass nailheads. Choice of three wood finishes: walnut, maple, or redwood. *Old Corral Wastebasket*, $5, ppd. The Old Corral, Mesquite, Tex.

Fix the underpinnings of your overstuffed chair or sofa yourself. Here's a kit of the essentials: webbing, tie twine, black cloth cover. Plus instructions on how to use materials and retie springs, tack down webbing, and apply lining. *Webbing Kit* for chair $3, for sofa $6, ppd. Furniture Fixin's, 917 Main St., Peekskill, N.Y.



Widemouthed fish and frog take quantities of cigarette butts and ashes before they need emptying. Keep ashes out of sight. Handmade in Italy of ceramic; painted brilliant shades of green and wine. *Frog and Fish Ash Trays*, $2.70, each, ppd. Lewis & Conger, 45th and Ave. of the Americas, New York 18, N.Y.

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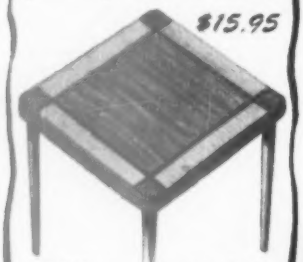

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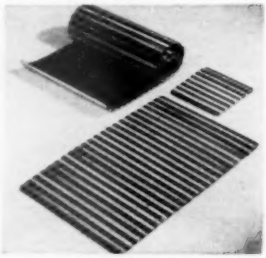


Flexible wooden place mats are made in alternating strips of walnut and maple or mahogany and oak. (In ordering, specify which combination of woods.) Mounted on green felt backing, mats flex at joining of each strip, can be rolled up for storing. *Flexible Place Mats*, 12"x18", $2; 12"x12", $1.25; matching runner, 12"x36", $4; coaster, 6"x6", 35c; plus postage. W. F. Ortwig Mfg. Co., Benton Harbor, Mich.

Cigarette-balancing ceramic balls can be put in any dish to make it a practical ash tray. Pair of *Cigarette Balls*, $1, in wood violet, emerald green, or lime with gold lip. Matching 7-inch-square *Ash Tray* with any above color inside and gold outside, including a pair of cigarette balls, $5. Plus shipping. Bullock's, 401 S. Lake St., Pasadena, Calif.

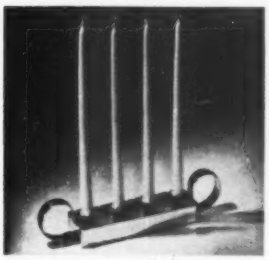
Nostalgic, Nineteenth Century carriages have been reproduced in ceramic and brass to hold plants or serve as candy dishes or ash trays. Replicas are available of the buggy, surrey with fringe on top, New England bobsled, hansom cab, Buffalo cutter sleigh. *Victorian Carriage* (illustrated) $8.95, ppd. Specify maroon, chartreuse, green, or black. Sierra Madre Orchards, Sierra Madre, Calif.

Patches become decorations when you fix up youngsters' blue jeans with picture squares of the same material which iron on permanently. You can double the life of a pair of blue jeans; and the more they're decorated, the better youngsters like them. Set of 6 *Pic-Patches*, $1, ppd. House of Harris, P. O. Box 1, Tarzana, Calif.

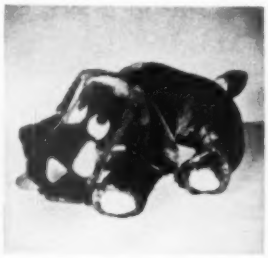
Castered platform for big, heavy indoor plants makes it easier for you to move them about. Plant in bucket or pot drains through hole in wooden platform to plastic underdish, which can be removed for emptying. Crystal casters, with ball bearings, move readily even on deep rugs. *Plantwalker*, without plant or bucket, $3.95, ppd. NB Florists, Carmel, Calif.

Hang the mistletoe on the end of golden ribbon to make the "clapper" of this Christmas bell to hang in the doorway or from the chandelier. Golden wire bell has silver and gold Christmas balls and bow; or many colored balls with gold and silver bow. Bell is 8" high. *Mistletoe Bell*, $5, ppd. Look Nook, 4120 University, Des Moines 11, Iowa.

Butter stays fresh and cool but at spreading consistency when stored in temperature-control cup. Press a cube of butter into bell-shaped lid. Fill the cup part way with cold water. When you put the lid on the cup, the butter is surrounded with cool water, and evaporation keeps it from melting, even in a warm room. *Butter Cup*, $2.25, ppd. Ward Phillips Co., Dundee, Ill.



Gleaming brass candelabra is a handmade piece from Sweden. The four candleholders are set in a removable wooden tray. When the tray is taken out, brass base can be used as a planter or flower holder. *Swedish Brass Candelabra*, 15" in length, $4.95, ppd. Art Colony Industries, 69 Fifth Ave., New York 3, N.Y.



Slap-happy dog can take lots of cuddling and isn't even fussy about a bath. He's stuffed with foam rubber and dries rapidly after dunking. Chocolate brown or bright yellow plush dog is 16" from nose to dragging tail. *Floppy Fido*, $5.95, ppd. Carroll Crafts, 505 Bldg., St. Joseph, Mich.

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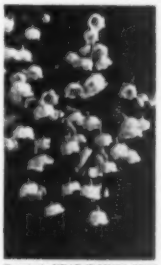

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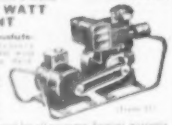

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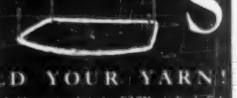

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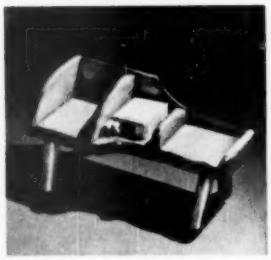

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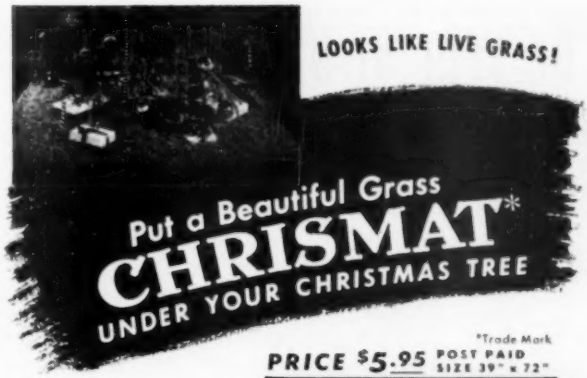

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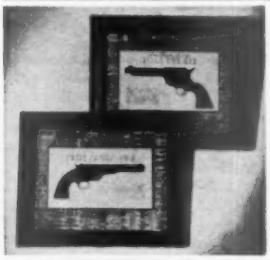

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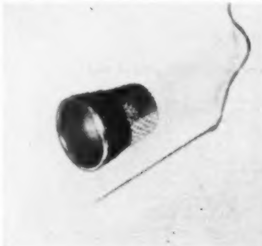

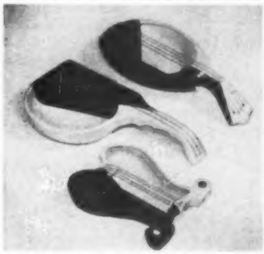

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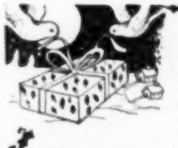

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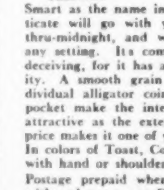

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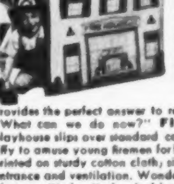

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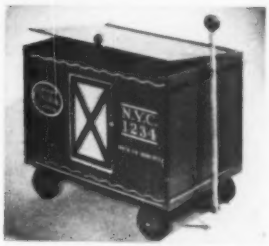
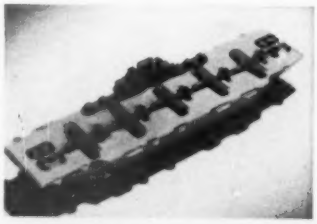


Schedule regular runs for box-car toy chest around the house to pick up toys not in use and route them to storage



Planes catapult from deck of aircraft carrier with enough realism to satisfy children and to make their elders duck

A dog's life isn't what it used to be, and children move little pets around in their own special "Pet Shop Delivery" truck

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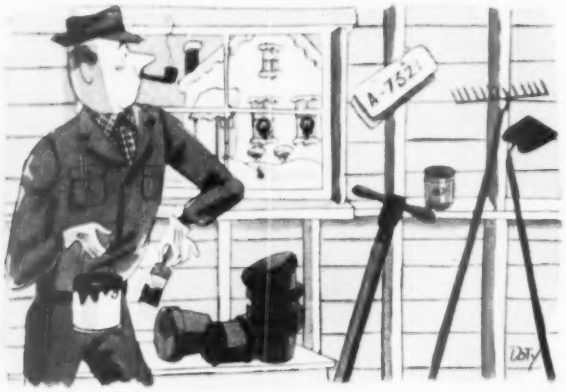

My big daughters wanted me to give Mom some of that imported perfume for Christmas. But just in time I remembered who used the lingerie and luggage I gave her last year at their suggestion.

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Next time you hesitate about sending a *young* salesman out, remember that the Master Salesman of all time began at age 12, selling a product new to all His listeners.

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"What hardships our grandparents suffered," wrote our high-schooler in an English theme. "They had no television, no frozen foods, and did not even have self-starters on their cars for several years."

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Our 10-year-old will get along in this world. She beat up a husky 10-year-old boy so effectively that he bought her a turtle and an ice-cream cone.

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Even if the cost of a light left burning is negligible, I still bawl out our kids for it. With "luxury-living" being their routine, I figure they ought to observe at least one small vestige of pioneer thrift.

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As we've done every year since we married, My Own and I have promised to buy each other only "practical" gifts this Christmas. We'd both be unhappy if either ever actually did so.

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Walked into the house last week and gave the family a resounding lecture against procrastination, then plumped down the family Christmas cards all printed and ready for addressing. Now why should that bit of paternal efficiency cause a coolness toward me?

These are the gray days when I like to walk across the frozen yard to my garage, paint the shovel and hoe handles a cheery red, oil the lawn mower, and philosophically count the bulbs I have stored. Then chuckle because it isn't time for that hard work yet.

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Christmas will last the year round whenever nations and individuals learn to settle their differences on a basis of what's *right rather than* who's *right.*

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Blessed be the snow. It blankets out the untrimmed, unraked area I never quite got around to.

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Home has two big months of magic. One spell is cast by spring, the other by holiday preparations.

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I have observed that a pin-up girl's pins are likely to change quickly from corsage, sorority, and fraternity to rolling, clothes, and safety.

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Now where could my women possibly have stored all those lovely ribbons and wrappings so carefully saved last December 25? We'll doubtless find them when we look for a place to store *this* year's savings.

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Mom refuses to enter the hospital for her minor operation. Says she couldn't trust the kids and me not to make a shambles of her kitchen in December.

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It is inadvisable now for any family man to express a desire for something expensive unless he really means it. He may get it for Christmas and then have to pay for it.

I have evolved a theory that if I play golf avidly in June, it will take off the weight I might gain from avidly eating nuts and candy in December. I intend to start testing it this month.

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A man reveals his character more surely when he tells jokes in private than when he prays in public.

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Any parent can tell you that the decade from age 6 to 16 is the most important. At 6 a child knows all the questions. At 16 he knows all the answers.

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Girls, if you have lived right this year, you won't need to hang mistletoe this month. You'll get kissed anyway.

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When I think back to the pale girls that I courted in the 1920's, I realize that the beauticians have done as much as the landscape artists to improve the face of America.

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My Christmas stocking used to hold a shiny dime for each year of my life; now my kids expect a silver dollar for each year—which is about the same thing.

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For years I've been looking for just one girl who in real life stands as unnaturally as those in the fashion photographs.

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Best thing you can spend on your children is not money, it's time.

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Apparently there's no law or limit concerning what goes happily into Christmas fruitcakes. I just hope they never come under government controls.

Burton Hillis

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The problem of ventilation, common to most attic apartments, was solved by making partitions only rafter-high. The kitchen window, in the small picture, was kept as a source of light by using a work counter as a half partition. The other kitchen wall, which helps form the entrance hall, is a linen and utility closet.

Four unpainted chests were remodeled into a dresser-cupboard combination, and an old tin pie-chest with lights mounted inside made a unique lamp. For a canopy over the bed, a pleated valance was attached directly to the rafters.

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